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ON STRIKE—Public School teachers from Island schools hold an information picket on the sidewalk outside of the Northeast Town recreation centre in Little Current. Pickets were also being held at other Island locations as talks between the province and the public school teachers' unions have once broken down once again. Teachers maintain that their work actions are aimed at protecting students and quality education while the province alleges the strike is primarily about wages.

photo by Michael Erskine

MOE drops the axe on Assiginack's landfill site

Life expectancy: 3 years

by Alicia McCutcheon
ASSIGINACK—Assiginack council received some bad news about its landfill at last week's regular meeting of council. The landfill, located on Sucker Lake Road just outside of Manitowaning, has been given only three years of use by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Council was disappointed that the February 4 meeting was not attended by Steve Moggy, senior environmental officer with the MECP Sudbury branch to discuss the 23-page report.

"We've been basically put on notice, and there are all kinds of ramifications to our landfill," CAO Alton Hobbs informed council.

Assiginack's composting program, for example, has been revoked effective immediately. Mr. Hobbs explained that residents could continue to bring compost to the landfill and it would be used as landfill cover.

Council asked about the landfill reserve to which Mr. Hobbs explained that all municipalities must have such a reserve to be used for the eventual closure of municipal landfills. He also noted that it contained less than

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Regional 'Angel Bus' encouraged for eastern Island

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOWANING—Sandy Cook, who spearheaded the successful Angel Bus that services the needs of Western Manitoulin seniors by giving them a means of transportation, is hoping to find an eastern Manitoulin champion who might put a second Angel Bus on the road.

Ms. Cook attended a recent meeting of Assiginack council with plans to also visit the Northeast Town and Tehkummah councils later this month.

Ms. Cook explained to council that the Angel Bus is a wheelchair accessible van that, since April 2015, has been providing free-of-charge transportation to residents of the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay, as well as to adults of Western Manitoulin Island who have difficulty getting in and out

of a regular passenger vehicle safely. People may qualify to use the Angel Bus because of mobility issues, balance problems, various stages of dementia or any number of other reasons.

"By averaging over 90 outings per year, Angel Bus patrons can receive medical care, attend community functions and lead more enriched, normalized lives in our communities," Ms. Cook explained.

"When my father was a resident of Manitoulin Lodge, I would take him on daily outings for country drives, errands, picnics, but most importantly, ice cream cones," Ms. Cook continued. "The positive effects of getting out and doing things as part of his care were very apparent. It was also very apparent that most other residents lacked similar opportuni-

ties. After Dad died, I stayed on at the Lodge as a volunteer and, with the activity director's nudging, spearheaded the Angel Bus Committee. While it's no small feat, I'm here to tell you it's doable, very successful and sustainable."

Ms. Cook told members of

council that the person responsible for the Angel Bus needs to study and obtain a Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR). The CVOR is required to operate a commercial vehicle—

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Architects engaged and will examine Burns Wharf building for estimates

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOWANING—Marilyn Wohlberg, co-music director for the Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP), could barely contain her excitement at the thought of having a production back in the Players' namesake theatre.

"I am very, very encouraged," Ms. Wohlberg told The Expositor following last week's meeting of

Assiginack council that outlined the plans for a new study of the Burns Wharf Theatre. "I know that this council is on the right track and is behind this 100 percent."

Many of the council members, including Mayor Dave Ham, were elected on a mandate to help save the Burns Wharf Theatre with a promise to seek funding to help get the iconic waterfront building back to its former glory and once again able to host events and BWTP productions. The Players have not had a production in the Burns Wharf building since 2013.

Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs explained that the last study was seven years old and in need of updated numbers to apply for grants. The company, 3rd Line Studio, has been hired, the same company that did the original study but now with a new name.

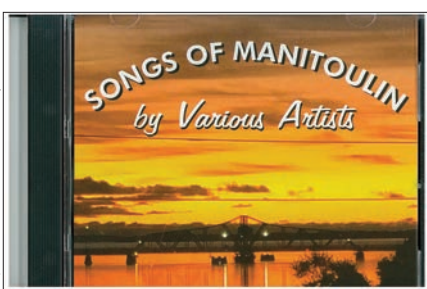
Assiginack is seeking an updated cost of the work found in the original study, a proposal for a one-storey theatre in the existing building (currently, the Burns Wharf Theatre is housed on the second floor of the build-

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Songs of Manitoulin

Island songwriters' offerings compiled to benefit Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary

by Michael Erskine
PROVIDENCE BAY—As anyone who knows him can attest, Merdick McFarlane is something of a renaissance man. He confesses that comes from not being able to hold still for any serious length of time. "If I don't have three things on the go I don't know what to do with myself," he laughs when contacted by The Expositor



late last week. One of his latest projects has a triple set of benefits: highlighting Songs of Manitoulin—literally—while at the same time raising funds for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and a raffle ticket on the back of the CD features a chance to win tickets to Bluegrass in the Country.

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Early Deadline

As Ontario's Family Day holiday falls next Monday (February 17), the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (February 13).

Rural correspondents are also asked to meet this deadline so that their valuable contributions can be included in the February 19 paper.

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon.

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Three Manitoulin Anishinaabe-kwe win Indspire Awards

by Warren Schlote

OTTAWA—The list of 2020 laureates who will be receiving this year's Indspire Awards—the highest honours that Indigenous people across Canada award to Indigenous individuals—is now public, and three of the 11 winners (that's more than a quarter of this year's cohort) are from Manitoulin Island.

The names of the 2020 laureates with roots on Manitoulin Island may be familiar to readers of this newspaper, as their past accomplishments have kept them securely within headlines in recent years.

Lawyer, health advocate and Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) president Marian Jacko, originally from Wiikwemkoong, has received the 2020 Indspire

Award for Law and Justice.

Entrepreneur, business leader and former Aundeck Omni Kaning band councillor Dawn Madahbee Leach, who has led Waubetek Business Development Corporation since 1988, won the 2020 Indspire Award for Business and Commerce.

Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, an Indigenous rights activist, constitutional changer, educator and former president of the Ontario Native Women's Association who hails from Wiikwemkoong, has been honoured with the 2020 Indspire Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Expositor reached out to all three winners to get their perspectives on the news, though Ms. Corbiere Lavell was unable to respond by press time Monday.

Ms. Jacko, who now lives in Mississauga, said she was shocked and honoured to get the phone call from Indspire president and CEO Roberta Jamieson informing her of the good news.

Ms. Jacko keeps rather busy. As the first-ever Indigenous person to hold the position of children's lawyer for Ontario, the board president of Anishnawbe Health of Toronto and president of the LNHL, it's a wonder that she could split her time between her various roles and conduct them all as effectively as she has.

"I think back about my father. He was a leader of my community, a hunter, trapper and fisherman seasonally, and in the summer he was busy planting our garden. I don't think I ever saw him sitting down and watching TV, except for

a hockey game," she said with a laugh.

Those lessons have stayed with her throughout her life.

"I really, truly believe in working for the community and giving back, so when I'm not doing my day job I volunteer," said Ms. Jacko.

She has brothers and sisters still living in Wiikwemkoong so she tries to visit when she can, especially in the summers.

Ms. Jacko's journey to success took a long and difficult path. She was a young single mother when she decided to move to Toronto, where she knew nobody, to raise her toddler while going to law school.

"When I look back at what I did, if I were to try to do it again today or were to counsel someone going

through the same thing, I think it would be nearly impossible," she said.

Ms. Jacko moved into Native student and family housing and had to face the relentless pressure to quit the overwhelming school life and focus on being a mother.

"My mom kept me focused and grounded. She reminded me that I was doing this for my son, to better our lives, and that really helped me get through those hard times," she said, adding that she finally graduated when her son was eight years old.

Ms. Jacko said she hoped her success in the face of such trials would inspire other young people who dream of pursuing higher education but feel they cannot manage parenthood or other

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Parents eligible for child care cash from province as strikes continue

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—Parents of children impacted by the ongoing education strikes in Ontario are eligible to claim a child care subsidy, offered by the provincial government, to help offset care costs during strike days.

"Our aim has always been to reach a negotiated settlement that keeps kids in class, which we have done successfully with multiple labour partners to date," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce in a statement.

The province's Support for Parents initiative means parents of students who cannot attend school due to job action can apply for funding to help cover the costs of caring for those children.

Children up to the age of six who do not yet attend school, but

attend child care at a school location which would be closed due to the strike, are eligible for \$60 per strike day. Kindergarten students are eligible for \$40 per day and students from Grades 1 through 7 are entitled to receive \$25 per day. All students within special education programs from Kindergarten through Grade 12 are entitled to \$40 per day to help offset care costs.

Parents can sign up for this child care allowance through the Ontario government website, Ontario.ca/SupportForParents. Payments will be effective retroactively to past strike dates.

Some problems have arisen with the subsidies. Parents have raised issues about overpayments on their accounts, which the government has blamed on the com-



Teachers from Central Manitoulin Public School and Assinack Public School who are currently engaging in job action take to the street corners of Little Current to make their voices heard.

photo by Warren Schlote

puter system managing the payments counting both elementary and secondary strike days, even though most secondary school students are beyond the eligibility requirements of the program.

Other parents have said they have not received the funding for their children after signing up.

Reaction to the government offer has been mixed. While some parents may welcome the cash to offset costs that are largely beyond their control, others, including the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) consider these payments to be little more than a bribe to parents to get them on-side with the government. The costs for one day of these payments is estimat-

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The Manitoulin Secondary School automotive class admires the retired 2016 Dodge Charger donated for their use by the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service recently. Celebrating the arrival is automotive teacher and students, Joey Stonepoint, Chief of Police Faron Whiteye, Constable Jordan Atchison, Acting Sergeant Dan Bussieres and outgoing interim Chief of Police Yves Forget.

UCCM Police donate vehicle to Manitoulin Secondary School

by Lori Thompson

M'CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service recently donated a decommissioned 2016 Dodge Charger to Manitoulin Secondary School for its automotive program. The vehicle, dubbed 'General Lee' in a throwback to the television show 'The Dukes of Hazard,' won't be licenced for use on-road again so the donation provides students with the opportunity to work on a later model vehicle without worrying about damaging it, according to Staff Sergeant Brad Mack, who led the initiative.

"We understand that schools don't have the budget to bring in newer vehicles so with the Charger, students will have the opportunity to disassemble and inspect the motor, to replace parts and get it running again without a nervous owner hovering nearby. It gives students hands-on experience," said Sgt. Mack. He enjoyed learning automotive technology in school and believes it is important for the next generation to continue learning trades. "In our society the measure of success is academic grades and we have to help people going into trades to develop the right skill set. We want to do our part to help students achieve their goals," he said.

The donation also contributes to positive relationships between police and youth and helps to demonstrate police willingness to engage with youth, Sgt. Mack explained. "It's important that we continue to work together to strengthen those bonds," he said.

This isn't the first vehicle donation by the service. There was a previous donation to Manitoulin Secondary School and last spring they donated a vehicle to Kenjegin Teg's automotive program. They have also donated at least one vehicle to each of the six First Nation communities serviced by UCCM Police.

New judge assigned to Gore Bay courthouse

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—On February 13, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey announced the appointment of three new justices to the Ontario Court of Justice effective February 13. One of the new appointments has been assigned to the Gore Bay courthouse.

According to a release announcing the new appointments, Justice Jessica Wolfe was called to the bar in 2007. Specializing in criminal law, she recently served as the Ministry of the Attorney General's legal lead for the Kenora Justice Centre. In this role, she worked with Indigenous leaders and organizations to integrate justice, health, education, housing and social services to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the local criminal justice system.

Prior to this, Justice Wolfe was the Aboriginal Justice Strategy Policy Counsel and lead for Legal Aid Ontario, overseeing consultations and providing legal and policy advice. She was also Crown Counsel at the Ministry of the Attorney General's Indigenous Justice Division and was senior counsel at Aboriginal Legal Services, a legal clinic which provides legal services to low-income Indigenous persons in the areas of human rights and poverty law. Aborigi-

nal Legal Services engages in test case litigation, coroner's inquests and interventions at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. In addition to her legal experience, Justice Wolfe was also a member of the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Community Advisory Board and taught at the University of Sudbury.

Chief Justice Maisonneuve assigned Justice Wolfe to Gore Bay.

As for the other new appointments, Justice Michael Callaghan was called to the bar in 1998 and has been an assistant Crown attorney in the downtown Toronto Crown attorney's office for 22 years. With a specialty in criminal law, Justice Callaghan has prosecuted hundreds of Criminal Code offences in the Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice, conducted appeals at the Ontario Court of Appeal and represented the attorney general at the Ontario Review Board. Justice Callaghan also provided advice and ongoing legal training to the Toronto Police Service as an embedded Crown and volunteered with Pride Toronto and Rainbow Railroad. Most recently, Justice Callaghan worked on the ministry's Justice Centre project as the lead for Toron-

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Tehkummah approves preliminary road rehab plans

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The Township of Tehkummah has begun the major roadway rehabilitation project scheduled for this year, with the project soon to be tendered after council approved the general scope of the project at its February 4 regular meeting.

Monte Lucas, a senior project manager at engineering firm WSP who attended the meeting to outline his company's plans for the work area, said he would present the elements in totality. Components within that plan are able to be taken out as needed to fit within the budgetary restrictions.

"If that works with you, we will get a preliminary budget and we can proceed to tender very quickly. If not, we can make some modifications now and go to tender after that," he said.

Tehkummah received roughly \$3 million for this project through the federal Investing in Canada

Infrastructure Program (ICIP) as well as a provincial grant.

This project involves the 10th Sideroad from the Government Road in the village of Tehkummah down to the Sixth Concession. The Sixth Concession itself will be part of the project from Highway 6 westward until the intersection with the 15th Sideroad. The 15th Sideroad up to the Government Road is the fourth part of the rehabilitation project.

Construction crews will tear up the existing surface treatment, grade the surface, add six inches of granular A crushed gravel and then double-surface treat (tar and chip) the length. Between the Sixth Concession and Blue Jay Creek on the 10th Sideroad, an area that is subject to bad seasonal flooding, the road grade will be raised by two feet.

This project will be done in concert with drainage works. From

the Smeltzer Drain culvert under the 10th Sideroad, a drainage ditch will run down the west side of the road and empty into Blue Jay Creek.

Another culvert further south on the 10th Sideroad, which is prone to jamming due to beavers in the area, will have dual pipes installed and another west-side drainage ditch to an arm of the Blue Jay Creek. In concert with the two-foot grade raise, this is expected to eliminate problematic drainage patterns at that site.

On the Sixth Concession from the 10th Sideroad to Highway 6, the surface treatment will be torn up, graded and six inches of gravel added on top, followed by double surface treatment. There are two spots that may host culverts, but whether or not this is necessary will be determined in the spring once the snow has melted.

Westward on the Sixth Conces-

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editorial

The internet poses yet another challenge to local shopping

Running a retail store in a rural community is fraught with challenges—but with the advent of the 21st Century, those challenges have been stepped up dramatically as brick and mortar stores in even larger centres are coming under fire from online ordering.

A number of the basic laws of retail produced many of the original challenges faced by rural stores, but many of those challenges were offset by the distance a customer had to travel to reach a larger retail store, at least until the advent of the automobile drastically shrunk the world as we buy it. Even the mail-order catalogue (the horse and buggy forerunner of online ordering) was little threat to rural stores as delivery times were measured in weeks, if not months, and gratification of demand, while not so instant in those days, was still better served by the in-store experience.

Towns were usually built around a focal point that often consisted of a hotel, or group of hotels, spaced about one day's horse and buggy ride apart. Any seasoned traveller across this nation will have noted the plethora of ghost commercial centres but they might have missed that these centres were surrounding a now long-closed hotel.

Each smaller rural centre began to find itself subsumed into a larger urban orbit, in time becoming, at best, a bedroom community for that growing town or city. Sometimes a small rural community has found a champion, or champions, usually headed up by an understandable commercial self interest that manages to turn back the tide and prove an exception to the rule. But far more such tiny communities, and their attendant retail centres, have succumbed to the centrifugal forces of history and improved transportation technology.

Large urban big box stores and ubiquitous chain outlets with their immense buying power have largely in their turn eviscerated the small mom and pop convenience store and department stores that once dotted the urban landscape. Now, those same massive retail brick and mortar operations are falling in turn victim to the advent of online ordering and the incredible turnaround times now being experienced in the delivery industry.

Order it today, get it by tomorrow (or the next day if you are in a really remote community); what is a small retail operation to do.

While small rural stores everywhere have often been accused of

"gouging" due to their larger markups, the simple laws of retail dictate that the longer your turnaround time for stock, the less product you move, the larger your percentage markup must be in order to remain a viable business. It is the act of freeing up the capital locked in inventory that drives most incredible sales events. Better to lose money by selling below your own cost so you can rotate those dollars with something that does sell.

Things will always be a little more expensive in a small store in a rural community, but that difference does not always factor in as all that much when the cost of travelling to another centre is factored in. But with the advent of the internet and online ordering, the paradigm has changed once again.

The problem with not shopping local compounds the matter, as one by one, storefronts in small communities become vacant and soon only the modern equivalent of mail order becomes the only option. Worse, people become used to the convenience of surfing the net for products and don't even stop into their neighbourhood stores to see if what they want can be found within its walls.

As residents of rural communities we can all too soon find ourselves lamenting no longer being able to find the products we need locally, forcing us to travel to larger centres to find what we need or rolling the dice on a click of a mouse and hoping that what arrives in the mail (or by courier) is actually something that meets our needs.

Soon gone is the local expertise and support that once accompanied a purchase, to be replaced by plummeting rural employment rates and the spectre of the dead-eyed gaze of empty and abandoned storefronts greeting us when we do head "downtown."

We can not hope to completely turn back the tide on many of these historic economic disruptions anymore than our parents and grandparents could save the bulk of the buggy whip manufacturers, but we can make a difference by taking the time and making the effort to visit our local retailers and discovering what they have to offer. The more we engage in those simple acts of parochial commerce, the less endangered will be our rural retail operations and the more we can support one another—our friends and neighbours.

letters

The stars have not aligned on the fate of the Old School

Despite two years of effort by two committees a solution has evaded every reasonable effort

To the Expositor:

I want to thank the Central Manitoulin Old School Repurposing Committee and the Recreation Centre Committee for their dedication to their tasks over the last two years. Even though we are all disappointed with the consultant's findings related to the Old School, I believe these two teams have done a great job of researching the community's needs.

As we all know, Central Manitoulin has limited financial resources and can't do everything we dream of. We were disappointed to know that we couldn't afford to add a pool to our recreational centre plans. We also don't have the money to renovate the Old School plus build a new recreation centre. Do we choose to become a landlord and invest in the Old School, or do we invest in our community arenas and the community hall? We can't do both.

We have been provided with a once in a lifetime opportunity to apply for a grant to build a new recreation centre, a facility that also incorporates and upgrades the existing Memorial Community Hall. This grant application opportunity came just as the Recreation Centre Committee was finalizing their work. The cost of this project is approximately the

same as the five-year operational and capital cost that we will otherwise need to invest in upgrading the Providence Bay Arena, Mindemoya Arena and the Memorial Community Centre.

Contrary to what Ms. McQuay fears in her letter to The Expositor a couple of weeks ago ("Why is council willing to subsidize a \$13 million proposal but not rec or social activities?" January 15), the majority of councillors do not want to see the Old School destroyed. We work hard to keep the financial and social welfare of residents as a priority in the decisions that are made. These are often difficult decisions, especially when we have to weigh conflicting needs, but we all work with the goal of making our community better.

It might not be possible to save the building as it stands right now, but we've already been presented with wonderful ideas for preserving the spirit and history of the Old School. The outcome will be the best choice possible when we all work together.

Dale Scott
Councillor, Property Committee Chair
Central Manitoulin

Manitoulin Snowdusters poker run on this Saturday, February 15

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Snowdusters, in conjunction with Skate Canada Manitoulin, is hosting a snowmobile poker run this Saturday, February 15 with the chance at some great prizes sponsored by Island businesses.

Registration will begin on Saturday morning at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre from 9 to 10:30 am with the run getting underway at 10:30 am. Snowmobilers—who must have a trail permit—will be given a card where they will receive stamps at each of the run's four stops: Paul's Corner Store in M'Chigeeng, Mum's Restaurant or the Grill and Chill in Mindemoya, Green Acres in Sheguiandah and Highway 6 Service Centre in Little Current. The stamps can be received in any order, says Snowdusters president Wayne Williamson.

There are two ways to get to Central Manitoulin from Little Current this year. Sledders can take the C107D trail from Little



Winter fun comes in many shapes and sizes, but you can't beat a great snowmobile poker run for creating some great memories in the snow.

Current to the Green Bush and join the M3 trail at M'Chigeeng or they can take the C107D trail to Honora Bay, travel along Gaida's Sideroad to Honora Bay and take

an ice trail, which will have been picketed this week, to West Bay. Trails maps will be given out at registration.

"It's roughly 100 kilometres,"

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Mr. Williamson adds.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$15 for snowmobilers under 16. The cost includes a delicious chili and a bun and sandwich dinner at the rec centre in Little Current, where the prizes will be distributed following the event. First prize is a custom fire pit courtesy of the Snowdusters from One KWE.

One day trail permits for \$35 are available through ofsc.on.ca, but a minimum purchase of two days must be made.

The groomer will be heading out this week, just in time for the poker run, Mr. Williamson notes, adding that the picket lines on Bass Lake in Sheguiandah, Little Current to Killarney and from Little Current to Whitefish Falls are also in place. The picket lines from Honora Bay to West Bay will also be installed this week. Mr. Williamson advises snowmobilers that this year there will not be a picket line in to Spanish.

FIRST Robotics Canada president visits MSS team

by Warren Schlote

BILLINGS—Thursday, February 6 is a day like any other at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS), except for a group of students that has gathered within the school's makerspace over their lunch hour. The thread that links them all? Each has a role on FIRST Robotics Canada (FRC) team 6865 – Manitoulin Metal, a relatively new team full of innovators, problem-solvers and skilled workers who collaborate with teacher mentors to design, build and test robots that will be used in competitions with similar teams across the country.

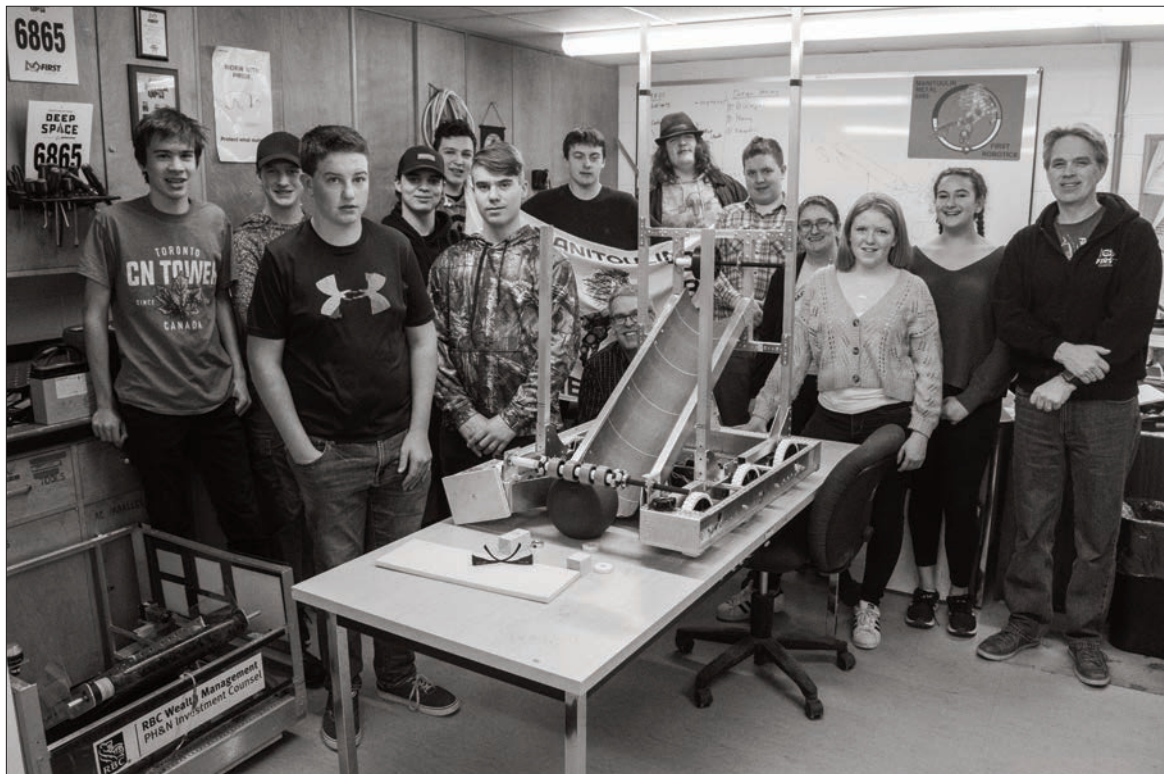
Team 6865 works on its robot builds in the school's makerspace, hosted in one of the far corners of the building's ground floor. From the main hallway it appears as any other school room. But immediately behind the unassuming wooden door lies a small workshop no more than 300 square feet in size where innovation, ingenuity and imagination combine.

The eye's focus jumps quickly between eclectic elements within the workshop. A teacher's desk in the back corner is covered by several layers of paperwork, errant pieces of metal and, somewhere beneath the collage, a computer. Plywood scraps of various sizes lean against a wall, waiting to find the perfect home within a forthcoming build. Batteries, loaned power tools and piles of textbooks socialize on busy countertops. A concrete-forming tube two metres in length lies on the floor next to an old couch, which rounds out the collection.

But the centrepiece of it all is a table in the centre of the workspace that supports a contraption of metal framing, wheels, axles, motors, rollers and a length of said concrete-forming tube. It's Team 6865's ongoing build for this year's FRC competition circuit.

The in-progress machine has company in the room, in the form of last year's robot. It's still fully functional (for use both as a demonstrator and as an emergency backup bot in case the ongoing teachers' union job action means after-school build progress has to halt) and is parked at attention near the entrance door, as if to offer a daily inspirational reminder of the abilities of high schoolers.

A robot from 2018, MSS' first year with an FRC team, also rests in the workshop space. It, however, is not in as good condition as



FIRST Robotics Canada president Mark Breadner, right, visited the students and mentors who make up Manitoulin Secondary School's Manitoulin Metal Team 6865. Before they headed back to class, the crew posed around this year's build which is taking shape nicely. The Star Wars-themed 2020 competition is titled Infinite Recharge.

its successor. After all, the inaugural bot had many useful components that could be repurposed for the builds of future years to save on costs and the effort of re-engineering proven solutions.

Team 6865 business manager Jocelyn Kuntsi, a ninth-grade student at MSS, is among the first of her peers to arrive at the makerspace during the lunch period, followed by a slow but steady stream of her peers. They pass through the small workshop to a wide-open, bright room that doubles as a kitchen and meeting area.

Meeting outside of instructional time is nothing new for these students who spend countless hours during and after school planning and building their machine, as well as the many trips to FRC events which take up full days each season in their travel alone.

The feel of the gathering is as might be expected from a modern group of students, with conversations ranging from noteworthy online content (this 21st-Century team stays connected through, among other media, a Snapchat group) to a challenge to come up with the greatest pun based on a teammate's name.

Lunch is short so Jocelyn lives

up to her title and gets the group down to business.

"I'm putting the team t-shirt orders in tomorrow so if anybody hasn't put in their order with their name and their spot on the team please send that in on Google Classroom," she says.

Team mentor Yana Bauer arrives and directs the students who haven't ordered to use one of the class' many notebook computers to submit their request.

Students communicating over Snapchat and using personal school laptops to submit information into an online education hub dedicated to the school's robot-building squad – it's a world apart of the classroom of even 10 years ago.

A small burst of activity erupts at the back door that opens outside onto a parking area where a small handful of students call out "he's here," step out and return carrying stacks of pizza boxes.

Some parts of the high school experience haven't changed.

The reason these students have all gathered is more than just a pizza lunch; rather, it's the presidential purveyor of pizza that has their attention – FRC president Mark Breadner, to be precise. He has long been a supporter of the

young team and decided to take up Team 6865 lead mentor Allan Davy's invite to visit the school.

Mr. Breadner enters the meeting room and appears instantly at ease with his surroundings. His past, after all, includes a posting as the director of robotics for the Toronto District School Board and the founding of the inaugural FRC team in 1998 at a Toronto high school, as well as numerous awards and accolades for his mentorship.

He also has learned a secret weapon for instantly forging connections with high school students.

"I try to do a few road trips a year, and I always show up with pizza," he tells *The Expositor* with a laugh.

Not that he needs the help. As the boxes get opened, he strikes up conversations with the team members about all manner of topics—the optimal kind of truck for a Northern Ontario lifestyle, the progress of an under-construction snowmobile trail nearby and a dive into the various roles and interests of the students.

Mr. Davy and Mr. Breadner step aside into the workshop with Ms. Bauer as the students enjoy their meal so the MSS team mentors can show the FRC president this year's build.

Mr. Davy remarks that the previous years' team members have all graduated, and this year's team is rather young.

"That's the life blood of a team, Grades 9 and 10," said Mr. Breadner, and Mr. Davy nods.

"That's why we're putting so much time in this year to teach them about riveting, soldering, because come build season you need that," said Mr. Davy.

The three adults switch to a discussion about various products involved in the build, their strategies and how they feel about recent changes to FRC rules. Mr. Breadner adds to the discourse by referencing other schools he has visited and their own journeys.

He always refers to each team by its four-digit number alone, but occasionally adds the teams' geographic locations as secondary information for the others who don't have an internal team directory in their brains. With more than 200 FRC teams in Ontario district, let alone the rest of the country or the FIRST Lego League, it's a lot of information to maintain.

As the discussion continues, a handful of students trickle into

the workshop from the meeting room, slices in hand. Mr. Breadner asks about the team's plans to keep their momentum going into future years, to which build captain and driver Lindsay Shepard, a Grade 10 student, replies the recent addition of FIRST Lego League to the feeder elementary schools on Manitoulin Island has been a boost.

"Two weeks ago, we had a shadow day where the Grade 8 students came here and they got a chance to see and drive our robot," she said.

"That'll help, for sure," Mr. Breadner replies, leaning on a countertop.

Running an FRC team in a rural location comes with a unique set of challenges. Travelling to compete at meets requires a considerable amount of time and planning to get the team and its creation to the matches safely and on time.

Even co-ordinating time to work on the project is challenging. All 419 MSS students are bussed from their homes, which may be up to an hour away from the school. Late buses only run two nights per week and those only let the students stay as late as 5 pm. Opportunities for high school students to mentor the next generation of FRC challengers are greatly limited by those time constraints.

Fortunately, Manitoulin Island residents tend to be strong supporters of community efforts and initiatives. Several Island contractors have loaned out their power tools for use by the team, although Mr. Davy always ensures the students first try those tasks using manual devices so they have a better appreciation of what the power tools offer.

One notable Island business that has sponsored the team is Manitoulin Transport. A vice-president from the company has reviewed the team's safety manual and stated that it was on the level of an industry standard. Through that review, the team also got pointers about how to bring it to a world-class level.

That was great news for Mr. Breadner, who said FRC is very focused on providing safe learning opportunities for students.

"You're doing great stuff here. Some of the challenges your team faces are not the same for everybody else, but you're fighting through them," he said. "The kids up here are brilliant but they don't have the same opportunities."

The fledgling team has also garnered sponsorships from the likes of major companies such as Microsoft, Argosy Foundation and RBC, which FRC helped to arrange in an effort to offset some of the rural and Northern challenges Team 6865 faces.

Canada faces a major workforce challenge in a skilled trades shortage that is forecast to grow worse in the coming years. Mr. Breadner said FRC could be a catalyst for addressing that problem with the next generation because students are getting exposure to numerous new fields in a fun, engaging way through robotics. These subjects range from coding to electrical work, riveting and small machinery operation and maintenance.

The way FRC is designed also supports an enriched learning environment. All aspects of the competition have collaboration in mind. During meets, it is a regular occurrence to see members of one team going to their opponents' pit area and offering supplies or expertise to get each side's robots working at their best.

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This year's build is a complex system of a riveted frame, mechanized rollers and a six-wheel drive system. It uses the concrete forming tube, arranged within a metal track, to shoot balls while completing missions. At the time of the FIRST president's visit, the team was exploring its options for side bumpers.

Welcome to the inaugural 'Get Reel,' a weekly column about fishing on Manitoulin and Northern Ontario. My name is Dave Patterson, founder and coordinator of the Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic, a charter member of Ontario Fishing Guys and lifelong angler. I have

been fishing the lakes, creeks, rivers and even puddles of Manitoulin and surrounds for over 40 years. You will find me out fishing with Bone (Aaron) and Danny (fellow Ontario Fishing Guys) any chance we get, looking for that next trophy



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en place in years past. Manitoulin is unique in that it offers almost every game fish in Ontario and all within a 30-minute drive from nearly any location on the Island.

What to use

There are so many options at the local tackle stores that sometimes it can feel overwhelming. I will let you in on a few of my absolute must-haves in my ice fishing tackle box.

Perch: 1/16-ounce jig tipped with a little white grub or small white soft plastic tail; 1/4-ounce Northlands Buckshot tipped with a minnow head or white plastic tail a simple hook and sinker with a small piece of shrimp from your local grocery store

Walleye: 3/8-ounce Northlands Buckshot tipped with a minnow head; Northlands Eyeball (white glow) tipped with a full live minnow; Rapala jiggling rap; a simple jighead tipped with a live minnow; an assortment of flutter spoons

Lake Trout: Williams

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I love chocolate in any form and in any given time of the year. Valentine's Day is coming up and I get to bake and indulge without my conscience kicking in!

Black Bean Cupcakes

Don't let the black beans give you that "wrinkle your nose" attitude. I sent the recipe to our son Joel and they made it three times (including a birthday party) and I made them for a Nature Club meeting. All good reviews—cupcakes gone. You can keep them plain or make a healthy frosting or buy a frosting. Whatever works for you.

- 1 can of black beans, rinsed and drained
- 6 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 6 Tbsp melted coconut oil
- 1/2 cup agave syrup or honey or maple syrup
- 5 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Spray a muffin tin with cooking spray or use paper muffin cups. You will need 12 muffin cups.

Place the first six ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl.

In a separate bowl blend all the dry ingredients together.

Add the dry ingredients to the bean mixture and blend until well combined.

Fill the muffin cups to 3/4 full or depending on how big you would like them. They will rise quite high while baking but settle when they are cool.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a tester comes out clean. Let cool completely before frosting.

Chocolate-Chocolate Pudding

When you make chocolate pudding from scratch you will be amazed in the difference of the flavour from the "instant" packaged kind. The secret is to use really good chocolate. Break the budget and buy Lindt. The darker the better!

- 2 cups milk (not skim) or coconut milk—the richer the milk the creamier the pudding
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 Tbsp cocoa
- 2 egg yolks
- 6 oz bittersweet chocolate chopped
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- Pinch sea salt

Heat 1 1/2 cups milk in a saucepan. Do not bring to a boil. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl, combine sugar with cornstarch and cocoa. Whisk in the remaining 1/2 cup milk. Whisk in egg yolks and reserved hot milk.

Transfer all back to the saucepan and bring to a boil stirring constantly. Reduce heat and cook gently about one minute.

Stir chocolate and butter into the mixture until melted. Stir in the vanilla.

Spoon into dessert glasses and sprinkle a little sea salt on each one. Chill.

*Dress up the pudding with fresh fruit, ice cream or whipped cream.



UCCM Police request public assistance in B and E

The UCCM Police Service is reaching out to the public for assistance with information involving a break and enter. Between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm on February 2, culprit(s) entered a residence on Assance Drive on M'Chigeeng First Nation and removed several items. Included in the items was a firearm and a large quantity of prescription narcotics.

Police are very concerned regarding the firearm and prescription narcotics pertaining to public safety. If these narcotics are consumed by someone to whom they are not prescribed they can be potentially harmful or fatal. The UCCM Police Service is urging anyone with any information regarding this break and enter to immediately contact the UCCM Police service at 1-888-377-7135 or if you want to remain anonymous you can call Sudbury and District Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

fish. Every week I will give readers some fishing pointers, tell you what's biting, what's hot and perhaps share a tall tale or two.

I like to say that ice fishing is a great equalizer. You don't need a \$50,000 boat, \$5,000 worth of electronics or all the latest and greatest gear to get out and catch your trophy walleye, pike or trout. Manitoulin, and Northern Ontario as a whole, provide ample lakes teaming with cooperative fish to give even the most novice angler a day they will remember.

A warm jacket, functional boots, an auger, fishing pole and a bit of grit will provide hours of outdoor activity and a healthy meal or two. Always remember that no ice is safe ice and always exercise caution. If you don't know the ice conditions, don't go out.

When heading out on the ice, always create a plan beforehand. Knowing where to go (and informing

someone that you are heading out on the ice), what fish you are targeting and to catch them when you arrive are the three keys to success.

Know the lake

Nothing turns people off ice fishing faster than not catching fish. Sitting on a piece of freezing sheet ice for hours on end and not reaping the rewards of a fresh fish dinner makes for a long day.

The first thing I do if I am not familiar with the lake I intend to fish is head straight to Google maps and get a lay of the land. Look for the best area to head out on the ice and plan how to get there.

My next step is to open the Navionics Web application. Navionics provides a free chart of most lakes, and you can glean some incredible fishing spots or, at the very least, get an idea of where to start your adventure. You can down-

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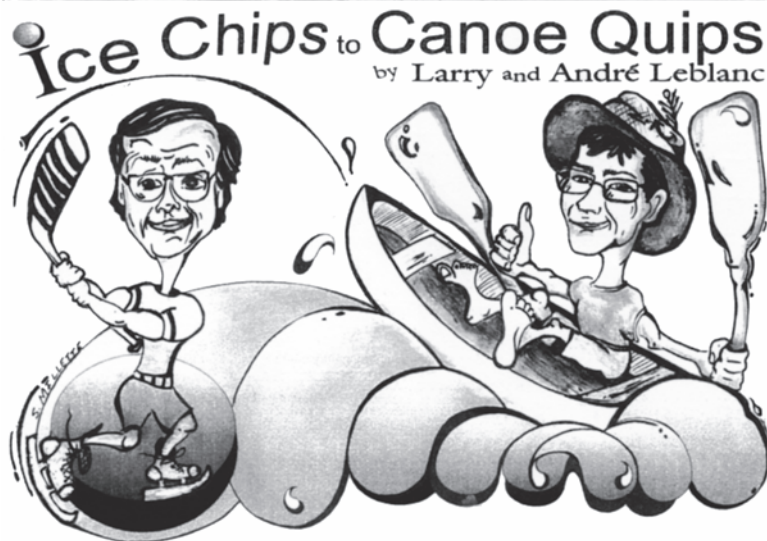
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Congratulations to Wiikwemkoong's **Lisa Odjig** who took Silver in Phoenix, Arizona at the World Hoop Dance Championship. Lisa, in a largely, male dominant competition, lost by a mere single point. Lisa was previously World Champion in 2000 and 2002. Very impressive, Lisa, keep up the hard work!

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Spotlight!

The 2019-2020 hockey season has been nothing short of exciting for the Novice Mindemoya Thunder Team. They began the hockey season in November and have only played half-ice games until this past weekend. With the guidance of Head Coach **Rob Sheppard**, Assistant Coach **TJ McDermid** and Trainer **Sam Gilchrist**, the team travelled to Sudbury to participate in a full ice tournament. The players had limited experience and understanding of offsidings, icings et cetera but they took on the challenge and excelled.

All players took to the ice and played four very thrilling games. All players should be very proud. **Charleigh Carrick**, **Gibson Gilchrist**, **Reid Hare** and **Evan McDermid** were awarded "Defensive MVP" and **Logan Hayden**, **Ella King**, **Oliver Symons** and **Lily Carrick** were awarded "Offensive MVP." Each player has overcome leaps and bounds since the beginning of the hockey season. Congratulations players, coaches and parents alike! I hope everyone and let is keep it up until midget!

Basketball, off the rock!

Brooke Gibeault, **Anina Pangowish** and **Monica Jacko** have been local and noteworthy in the Ontario Native Basketball Invitational (ONBI)! The Ontario Native Basketball Invitational brings together teams from across Ontario to compete in a friendly, yet competitive invitational tournament. Youths ages 14-18 travel with their teams and family members to compete and have fun. With a number of cultural and leadership activities offered throughout the entire tournament, ONBI builds confidence, creates friendships and strengthens communities, while creating opportunities for Indigenous youth to participate in competitive sport with their peers. The ONBI is also an identifier for participation in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).

Pickle ball opportunity!

The pickle ball experience is a win, win, win! Picture a sport that is easy to learn, an amazing aerobic and anaerobic exercise as well as an incredible social prospect. The game is currently being played at the Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) Four Directions Complex. The fun is to be had on Monday evenings (6 to 8 pm), and on Wednesdays and Fridays (10 am to 12 pm). Participants should plan to arrive a few minutes early for warm up prior to these times. **Garry Wolfe** is currently filling in as coordinator and so you may direct any questions to him at keithholtze@sympatico.ca.

Family Day fishing?!

This coming weekend marks the MNRF's free fishing weekend. The Ontario Family Fishing Events is a province-wide opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card. The Ontario Government has designated four periods throughout the year as license-free.

What a great warm-up for the following weekend's 2020 Manitoulin Ice Showdown. The extravaganza features derby host and Canadian fishing icon **Bob Izumi**! For rules, regulations and any additional info, check out www.FishManitoulin.com.

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Seniors' curling is where it's at!

The Little Current Curling Club boasts two great chances to curl each week for older adults and as evidenced above, it's a popular place to be!



The Mustangs pose for a photo following their winning ways at the Cardinal Carter Classic Tournament at York University.

MSS girls' hockey team wins Toronto tournament

by Warren Schlote

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) girls' team has recently returned from the annual Cardinal Carter Classic hockey tournament, a two-day event at York University that ended in a resounding success for the Mustangs who took home the top spot and a commemorative trophy for their efforts.

"I could talk about every single girl, about everything they did that was great, but it's so indicative of them as a team and how they play that everybody, including parents of other teams, were coming up and saying 'wow, those girls play good hockey,'" said Mustangs girls' team coach Mike Meeker.

There were four games in the tournament and one

game that was just for fun. The girls didn't play their best in that fun game but in the four matches that counted toward the tournament standings, the girls brought everything they had.

"All the coaches on the teams we played against, the convenor of the tournament and the refs came up and told me we've got a really nice team. We play hard but we play fair; our passing is excellent and our positional play is excellent," said Mr. Meeker.

He credited MSS' two very strong goalies for helping to hold the team together.

"Whenever I put one of them in, I don't even worry about them and just cycle through them," he said.

The first game of the tournament was against St.

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Whitefish; 5-inch white tube jig; Swedish Pimple tipped with a chunk of sucker minnow

Whitefish: 2.5-inch Meegs jig; 1/16-ounce jig tipped with a small brown soft plastic tail; an assortment of 2-inch wet flies that resemble nymphs

Rainbow Trout: Orange Berkley Power Bait; 1/4-ounce jig, tipped with a white twister tail; 2-inch Williams silver flutter spoon.

These are just some of my personal favourite lures. Experiment and see what works for you.

Fishing Report

Manitowaning Bay

Just days from the Manitoulin Ice Showdown, and the fishing is hot. Rainbow trout up to 20lbs (and probably more) roam the waters off Buzwah and Bayside Resort. A few people have reported that Berkley Power Bait has been a solid choice. Jigs tipped with grubs have also been producing some nice fish. It has not been uncommon to catch two or three fish over 10 pounds, and with the temperatures climbing this week, the rainbow should be heading into a feeding frenzy.

Lake Manitou

With good ice finally, the Manitou faithful are heading out to find cooperative lake trout. On Sunday, Bone caught and released six nice lakers up to six pounds in just under an hour. The bite was hot early in the morning but faded fast, and after 9:30 am they were gone. The lake trout were in 35 feet of water. As the day moves on the fish have been moving deeper with good catches reported in 45 to 55-foot



range. Williams Whitefish in silver and copper has been hot.

Lake Mindemoya

The perch bite has slowed down in the past few weeks, but a good dinner can still be caught on the flats north of Treasure Island in 18 to 20-foot range. Anglers report that the perch are taking small jigs tipped with grubs and Buckshots. The walleye bite has been solid for the past week just as the sun sets. A simple rig of a jig and minnow has been icing some nice fish. Look for rock shoals or shallow flats that descends quickly to deeper water. The 18 to 20-foot mark has been the sweet spot.

South Bay

South Bay finally has some ice and anglers are heading out in search of whitefish. Catches have been good, and the whitefish have been cooperating. Small jigs with soft plastics and 2-inch Williams flutter spoons have been producing nice fish. I have not heard of any reports of the huge jumbos that lurk in South Bay but with the ice just forming to a safe level recently, not many people have been out chasing them. The ice in South Bay is uncertain at the best of times so exercise caution before heading out.

If you have information on other lakes, fishing reports or want to submit a photo please send them my way via email to expositor@manitoulin.ca.

Tight lines and get out there; you can't catch fish from your couch.

- Dave

...MSS girls' hockey team wins Toronto tournament

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Benedict's, a team in the Sudbury-area league. The Mustangs outplayed them, according to Mr. Meeker, but they ended the game in a 0-0 tie.

The next match against a Powassan-area team led to a 3-0 victory for the Mustangs after a strong effort. That team hosts a tournament every year and has invited the Mustangs to attend next year's event.

The next tournament game was against the same team, which ended in another victory. The next match was against Almaguin which ended in a 2-0 win, followed by a final match against St. Benedict's again which ended in a 1-0 victory for the Mustangs.

"I don't care who we're playing, if they can keep focused on playing our game, then we're going to win," said Mr. Meeker. "That's what they're doing, and that's why I'm so proud of them."

Mr. Meeker said the York University-hosted tournament is always a great experience and the facilities are world-class. They played the final game of the tournament on a full-sized ice surface on which university-level teams play. The Mustangs have been attending the tournament for at least a decade.

The regular season continues with the final few games before playoffs, which commence in late February. For their efforts, the girl Mustangs have secured a spot among the six teams within the league's Division 1.

"Based on the first 10 games we're in fifth place, so we're definitely in Division 1, which is kind of neat because we've played all the best teams and we've been competitive with every one of them," said team manager Lisa Addison-Corbriere.

As the team edges through the last regular season games before the playoffs, they have a lot to keep in mind. They need to either hold their fifth-place spot or climb into a higher rank because the sixth-ranked team is auto-

matically excluded from the playoff round.

The playoffs begin with another do-or-die game, when the fourth- and fifth-ranked teams square off in a quarter final match to determine the final set of four teams that will carry on to the semi-finals.

"We're going to do really well. Like I said, the top three teams are extremely strong but we've challenged all three of them. It's going to be tough to beat them because they've got a lot of talent, but our girls are getting better and better every game. They're playing my system better and I'm so impressed that they're picking up on the little things," said Mr. Meeker.

He describes his team as having no superstars, meaning each player has to work together as a cohesive unit and work on weaker parts of their play.

Mr. Meeker said the Mustangs girls have seen vast improvements in clearing the puck from their own end and are getting better at goal-scoring.

"They're doing better every game and we're going

to be peaking at just the right time," he said.

There was a regular season game against Bishop Carter shortly after the tournament, a team that has become a personal rival for the Mustangs coach. The game ended in a loss, but Mr. Meeker assumed full responsibility for the superstitious factors that may have led to the outcome.

"(Whittier Dwyer-Gauthier) is the girl who always leads the rallying cheers on our bench. Whit's been doing it all year and she's like our good luck charm. Well, I made a mistake. I decided to let another girl try leading the cheers who has a louder voice. When we lost, I figured that was the coach's mistake of changing the routine, so Whit's going back to being the one who leads the cheer at the beginning of the game," said Mr. Meeker.

Bishop Carter brought its A-squad to the match. Although the Mustangs held their own by keeping the score to 2-1 for the opponents into the second period, they missed a chance to

tie and the Sudbury team converted it into a goal for themselves. The 3-1 score was a tad disappointing but Mr. Meeker said the girls played well despite what the scoreboard read.

Player Aysia Debassige, who has been out for several matchups including the Cardinal Carter Classic tournament following a concussion at the recent fundraiser game, is expected to return to the ice in the final season games.

"I certainly don't want her coming back until the people she's working with say she's ready. Last night she told me she was getting excited and was thinking she would be ready to play again soon," said Mr. Meeker.

There are three games left in the girls' regular season—Lo Ellen in Sudbury on February 13, Horizon in Sudbury on February 19 and a home game against Notre Dame on February 20.

The playoffs begin as early as February 24 with the quarter-final match against the fifth- and fourth-place teams.

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CONGRATULATIONS, RANDI!



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Randi Lovelace is one ambitious Mustang who has been playing hockey for most of her life. Randi is a Grade 12 student and when she isn't busy with school work or sports practices, she enjoys reading, fishing, playing chess with her sister and snowshoeing.

Growing up, Randi attended Lakeview Public School where she participated in a number of sports. She played basketball, volleyball, three pitch, cross country and track and field. She was able to achieve first place in cross country as well as first place in several track and field events at Island track. She also played hockey with the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds from Tyke to first year Atom, and then with the Sudbury Lady Wolves from second year Atom to second year Bantam. She played on the AA team and was assistant captain the first year she played with the Wolves. In Grade 9, Randi started playing hockey with the girls' Mustangs hockey team and she is still currently playing this year. Throughout her 4 years of playing hockey, she has played as defence except for one season when she played center. She has also been captain of the team. In the upcoming sports season, Randi is also looking forward to playing badminton.

Randi enjoys playing sports because they give her something to do and look forward to. It's also a chance for her to hang out with her friends. Her favourite sport is hockey because she enjoys playing it and it keeps her active.


Randi is inspired by her mom because she is hard working and never gives up. In school, her favourite subject is English because she enjoys reading and writing. After she graduates high school, she will be attending college for Police Foundations, which is a two year program. She also plans on playing on the college hockey team. Randi is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her kindness, ambition and creativity, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Randi, let's go!

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...Three Manitoulin Anishinaabe-kwe win Indspire Awards

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"This is an example that it is possible if you have the determination to fight through these battles," she said. "In the end, it makes it all worth it, like a rainbow after a storm."

Ms. Jacko has three children now, the youngest being 14 and 16 years old. Her son, whom she raised while attending school, is about to turn 30.

Ms. Madahbee Leach is familiar with the awards circuit. Between her and her husband, ex-NHLer Reggie Leach, the two have amassed an impressive number of accolades both for themselves and the organizations they represent.

"The first thing that came to my mind was my late aunt Lilian McGregor. I was so pleased because she's received the same award a few years back. To me, it's an honour mainly for that reason," said Ms. Madahbee Leach.

Similar to Ms. Jacko, Ms. Madahbee Leach said she was taught early in life to make a difference in everything she does.

"I get pretty passionate about everything I get involved in and sincerely try to make a difference. You see so many needs out there and I get frustrated that there's still so much to do. But when I sit down and look back, I can see that we are making some progress," she said.

Many of Ms. Madahbee Leach's friends and family have also been recognized for their work. Mr. Leach, her partner, received the 2008 Indspire Award (then known as a National Aboriginal Achievement Award), and Dave Nahwegahbow and Shirley Cheechoo, both friends of Ms. Madahbee Leach in her youth, have also received Indspire Awards. Several friends she has made through the years have also seen their names added to the list.

"I'm a real proponent of



trying to showcase the many trailblazers we have, and we do that at Waubetek through our business awards," said Ms. Madahbee Leach.

She said the awards serve as a reminder for youth that all of the recipients came from humble beginnings, so the door is open for all to excel in many fields if they're willing to work hard at their endeavours.

"It's a real honour to become a laureate at the same time as other people from Manitoulin Island. We're really blessed to have so many people on Manitoulin get recognized with Canada's highest honour for Indigenous people. It's such a small place so that means we have a lot of people who are trailblazers and

are making a difference," she said.

Ms. Madahbee Leach extended her thanks to the elders and others who have offered guidance through the years, as well as those who have joined her on her walk on Mother Earth.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell is yet another decorated Islander on this year's list of laureates. She made history through her Indigenous rights advocacy work that fought the federal government in the Supreme Court of Canada over Indian Status rights. Although her campaign was unsuccessful, future advocates building upon her work made changes to statements within the Indian Act that discriminated based on gender.

The Indspire Lifetime Achievement Award announcement complimented her existing accolades, which include a Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and a membership within the Order of Canada.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell has also earned an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from York University for her advocacy work.

After having worked as an educator, she has a special connection to moulding the young minds of students and often speaks at school events as an elder.

The three recipients and their loved ones will be heading to a ceremony on March 6 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Several award-winning Canadian Indigenous performers will be showcasing their talents throughout the evening at the gala.

Every award recipient will be receiving a gold pin with a Canadian diamond that was mined from the Diavik Mine in Northwest Territories, courtesy of Rio

Tinto.

The awards coincide with Soaring, Indspire's annual Indigenous youth empowerment conference that will invite hundreds of Indigenous youth from across the country to take part in workshops and presentations.

For those who wish to watch the ceremony, the awards will be broadcast on Sunday, June 21 at 8 pm on CBC, APTN and CBC Radio One.

...Parents eligible for child care cash

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ed to be \$40 million, according to the province.

An online petition called 'Take my Bribe Money and Put It Back into Education' on petition site Change.org has drawn more than 35,000 virtual signatures as of this past Friday. Some parents have shared comments about signing up for the compensation, taking the received funds and giving them back to their children's classrooms.

Whether or not child care facilities can accommodate the increased pressure of a flood of students out of class is another issue. Parents should be advised that availability fills up quickly so alternative arrangements may have to be made.

Job action has continued into this week. Rainbow District School Board elementary students got a four-day weekend after a rotating strike affected the Rainbow board on Monday and a province-wide ETFO strike took place on Tuesday.

Province again offers free fishing on Family Day

TORONTO — The Ontario Government invites families to fish for free on Family Day weekend. From February 15 to 17, Canadian residents of all ages can enjoy fishing in Ontario without having to purchase a licence or carry an Outdoors Card. This round of free fishing is just in time for the launch of a new Expositor column.

Ice fishing is the "great equalizer" when it comes to sportsfishing, notes OntarioFishingGuys.com founder Dave Patterson. Look for his new column 'Reel Fishing' in this week's Expositor on Page 6.

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As for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF), Rainbow high school students and teachers were spared from rotating job action this week.

Although no progress has been made with OSSTF negotiations, the province did begin negotiations with the ETFO once again in the last few days of January. However, those talks failed two days later.

"The government is unwilling to make any significant efforts to address the problem of classroom violence, or to support the integration of students with diverse learning needs," stated ETFO president Sam Hammond in a news release. "Agreeing to accept cuts to the funding that elementary students have had in previous years, and that they desperately need now, is not something that ETFO will consider."

The province, however, has made a concession on one major sticking point: the current Kindergarten model. ETFO members have been rallying to preserve the Kindergarten model in its current state and the province appears to have agreed to that demand. However, Mr. Hammond said the preservation of the current Kindergarten model has not been formally introduced to the negotiations. Therefore, he said, those promises were unofficial and his union could not yet consider it a success.

Special education funding, hiring practices and dissatisfaction over wage increases remain contentious points that have not moved forward. ETFO said it was close to a deal at the previous week's brief talks, but said the province brought forth unacceptable proposals which broke down the talks.

Hundreds of thousands of Ontario parents have signed up for the child care allowance program to date.




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...Tehkummah approves preliminary road rehab design

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sion, from the 10th Sideroad to the 15th Sideroad, the same treatment will take place. There will be a guide-rail system along the Blue Jay Creek, because currently there are only posts in that area and they are not the preferred safety device.

The 15th Sideroad from the Sixth Concession will follow the same pattern. All rehabilitated road surfaces will have appropriate cross-fall—that is, the gentle slope from the centreline down to the outside edges, so water drains off the road surface rather than pooling on top.

There will also be two dry fire hydrants installed into the Blue Jay Creek, one on the 10th Sideroad and another on the Sixth Concession west of the 10th Sideroad where the creek crosses each respective road.

Dry hydrants are screened pipes that go from the waterway up to a connection at the road level, which would enable the fire department to access water without having to run their hoses down into the wetland—a possibly dangerous action, especially in the winter.

“We’ve also put in our tender various replacement of culverts, ditching and drainage that may or may not be required—it depends on what we’re going to look at in the spring,” said Mr. Lucas.

The township will have the flexibility to remove unnecessary replacement items because the tender is being assembled in a modular fashion.

Each of the four segments of road will be tendered as a separate but co-dependent part of the project, so an entire section could theoretically be cleanly removed if issues of cost or timelines should arise.

Further to this, each of the elements that have not yet been proven to be necessary, such as a culvert



Work to the 10th Sideroad will hopefully alleviate flooding problems like this in the future.

Expositor file photo

that is not nearing the end of its usable life, have to be costed as a unit. Thus, a prospective bidder will state what it would charge per culvert or per section of ditching, for example, and will add on those costs at a per-unit basis if that work is required for the project.

Mr. Lucas said the preliminary budget is close to the current funding allotment that the township already has set aside for the project, and should be able to accommodate most of the proposed work. However, costs may end up being lower or higher depending on what bidders can offer as a price point.

Councillor Rick Gordon said he was concerned with tar-and-chipping on the 15th Concession because of the amount of frost boiling up on the roadway after last year’s severe winter. The current road, he said, is built upon a corduroy road through a wetland.

Mr. Lucas said the proposed drainage work alongside the road construction is designed to mitigate those risks, but engineers could consider leaving the suspect area as a gravel surface if spring thaw would put the road in jeopardy.

“As I said, it’s very flexi-

ble; if we feel that this is just going to give us a headache and is not worth it (to tar and chip), we can put down eight inches of gravel so the guys can work it in the spring or whatever they decide to do with it,” said Mr. Lucas.

He noted that if a road segment which is scheduled to be rebuilt is still in good shape, there is room for discretion to not have to tear up and rebuild that stretch.

“I wanted to put everything in so there’s no surprises,” said Mr. Lucas. “This is everything—you can just pull things out from here.”

Roads will be built on the existing bases, which will allow 3.5-metre lanes and one-metre shoulders at their widest parts, but this may be reduced in areas of tough geography.

Councillor Michael McKenzie said he was concerned about the rapidly sinking east side of the 10th Sideroad south of Blue Jay Creek, and asked how that could be stopped.

Mr. Lucas said the double culverts and ditching to Blue Jay Creek should redirect the water away.

“I don’t think you can run water uphill,” said

Councillor McKenzie.

“This wasn’t our proposal, this was the drainage people,” said Mr. Lucas, to which the councillor replied he had raised the same concern to the drainage engineers.

Mr. Lucas said the grades presented by the drainage team indicated that the water should flow down to the creek.

“I’ll believe it if it ever happens,” said Councillor McKenzie.

The tenders are expected to be advertised as early as February 12 and open short-

ly thereafter, with the closing date planned to be March 4.

Once the tenders are closed, WSP will open them at a public meeting in case any contractors wish to be present. They will check that all of the bid bonds and all appropriate information is filled out to ensure a tender is valid. All valid tenders are then scrutinized mathematically to ensure the spending figures make sense.

WSP will generally recommend the lowest bidder, but all options will be pre-

sented to council. If a tender is the lowest overall but contains problematic figures such as one extremely high unit price, which could cause the project to run over in cost, WSP will note that as a potential issue.

Councillors Gordon and Lorie Leeson brought forth the motion to approve the preliminary design report as presented by Mr. Lucas, and approve the initiation of the tendering process. All voted in favour, though Councillor Eric Russell was not present at the meeting.

...free fishing

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“Our government is making it easier for families to spend quality time together while enjoying Ontario’s world-class lakes, rivers and streams,” said John Yakabuski, minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, in a release announcing the event. The province has doubled the number of free fishing events, expanding them to include the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day weekends.

Family Day weekend is the first of four licence-free fishing opportunities in 2020. With only a week to go before the Family Day weekend, you can start planning your fishing trip or find a local event at OntarioFamilyFishing.com.

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...Architects engaged and will examine Burns Wharf building for estimates

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The original cost estimate for renovations was \$538,911 with the largest expenditure being wheelchair access from the ground level up to the second-storey theatre level.

"This is great news not just for Manitowaning, but for all of Manitoulin," Ms. Wohlberg added.

Ms. Wohlberg noted the generosity of Debajehmujig Storytellers for allowing the BWTP use of their space and, most recently,



The Burns Wharf Theatre Players hope that some day soon they will be able to perform back in their namesake theatre.

Expositor file photo

Knox United Church for offering its sanctuary as a permanent 'home' until they can, hopefully, return to the Burns Wharf.

When the Players first learned they would no longer be able to use the Burns Wharf, Ms. Wohlberg said they "had the wind knocked out of their sails" and for a moment, thought of disbanding the troupe.

"After that we realized that we couldn't abandon ship and stayed together as a performing group," she continued. "I'm really happy we stuck together through tough times."

The BWTP is already

well into rehearsals for this spring's production of 'Annie.'

'Annie' will take to the Knox United Church stage from May 15-17, May 22-24 and May 28-31. Tickets are available by visiting BurnsWharf.net or by calling Mary Sutherland at 705-859-3030.

"We're excited and pleased with Mayor Ham and every single person on that council," Ms. Wohlberg added. "It looks like we're moving forward. I can hardly wait to hear the first hammer blow down there!"

...MOE drops the axe on Assiginack's landfill

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\$100,000—far less than what would be needed.

"We need to have a hard look at this during budgeting time," said Councillor Dave McDowell.

Mr. Hobbs said the municipality has been in talks with the ministry for the last 15 years, requesting an extension of the current landfill site.

"And this is the first we've heard that the landfill has three years?" Councillor McDowell queried. Mr. Hobbs responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Hobbs told council he believed the ministry was attempting to push them toward a Northeast Town-style engineered landfill.

"We really need to have this conversation with him (Mr. Moggy)," Mr. Hobbs added. Council agreed that they would invite Mr. Moggy to attend a daytime meeting at the municipal office or even make the trip to Sudbury to get answers.

Assiginack's landfill site is 25 acres with 3.5 acres used for landfilling. Starting in 2005, the municipality had applied to the MECF for an expansion that would double the size of the landfilling area—to seven acres—all while noting Assiginack's robust recycling program.

"We thought we were on the right track and then there was a change in attitude in the ministry," Mr. Hobbs told

The Expositor in an interview following the meeting.

Assiginack's is a 'natural attenuation landfill'—the most common of Manitoulin's landfills—and the municipality must prove that any leachate (water that has percolated through the landfill waste and into the ground) will not travel beyond the landfill's boundaries. In an engineered landfill, such as the Northeast Town's, the leachate is collected and recycled back into the landfill.

Council has long questioned the idea of purchasing an incinerator for the Assiginack landfill, but Mr. Hobbs cannot find one municipality in the province that utilizes this technology, also pointing to the stringent air quality measurements it must meet.


If the ministry is attempting to push the municipality to an engineered landfill, Mr. Hobbs said the cost would be exorbitant.

"It's really new ground for us," the CAO added, noting that the alternative transfer station—having a private garbage collection company to haul the waste away—does not come cheap either.

"More of a concern is that once we're no longer accepting waste we must begin to close it," Mr. Hobbs said. "That is going to be an expensive proposition—a clay cap and contouring alone I estimate would cost at least \$500,000."

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Dozens of racers and spectators were all revved up for the 2020 Snow Drags

by Warren Schlote

SPRING BAY—The first round of the 2020 Manitoulin Snow Drags was a great hit once again, with an excellent showing of participants who came out to watch or take part in the event at its new location in Spring Bay.

Crowds began to trickle in the mid-morning but swelled in size greatly by 11 am. By 12:15 pm the first of the racers shot off from the starting line in a high-octane burst of frenzied speed.

Although temperatures were downright frigid, the wind remained at bay and there was nary a cloud in sight, allowing the sun to send as much warmth as it could down upon the Spring Bay field.



Well bundled up for the day's events the audience enjoyed a great view of the competition as it heated up.

New for this year was a race strip located a short distance north of Highway 542 on a frozen field. A plowed driveway and parking/staging area made for easy access for racers and spectators alike.

The snow drags make use of a four-lane track that is exactly a furlong in length (that's 1/8 of a mile, 660 feet or roughly 200 metres in more modern units of measurement). The racers align themselves perfectly along a starting line, with an official there to ensure no sled has so much as an inch of extra advantage over their competitors.

At the drop of the green light, the snowmachines are off to the races in a roar of small engine fury.

It's serious business for many competitors. Twelve-year-old Sebastian Boyes came to Manitoulin from the Sundridge area to race in the 600cc stock, 700cc stock and 600cc improved categories.

The following is the list of standings at the end of the event, courtesy of one of the event organizers, Alayna Cranston.

Stock Non-Studded, 250cc: first, Tyler Leeson; second,



The roar of high performance engines split the air under a cloudless sky as the competitors strove for dominance in their class.

photos by Warren Schlote

Steven White.

Stock Non-Studded, 340cc: first, Bert Gagne; second, Casey Brook; third, Chris White.

Stock Non-Studded, 440cc: first, Rob Cranston Jr; second, Bert Gagne; third, Nevaeh Harper.

Stock Non-Studded, 500cc: first, Ken Delisle; second, Bert Gagne.

Stock Non-Studded, 600cc: first, Cole Delisle; second, Michael Hore.

Stock Non-Studded, 800cc: first, Chris White; second, Bert Gagne; third, Tyler Leeson.

Stock Studded, 340cc: first, Bert Gagne; second, Joe Graham; third, Steven White.

Stock Studded, 600cc: first, Sebastian Boyes; second, Ron Spry; third, Rob Cranston Sr.

Stock Studded, 700cc: first, Earl Olsen; second, Brooke Addison; third, Sebastian Boyes.

Stock Studded, 800cc: first, Cory Hickey; second, Howie Fisher; third, Chandler Clarke.

Stock Studded Open: first, Cory Hickey; second, Howie Fisher; third, Michael Boyes.

Stock Studded Factory Stock Turbo: first, Tyler Corbiere; second, Curt King; third, Digger Clarke.

Stock Studded Kids (120 Stock): first, Ayleana McDermid; second, Ariella Lanktree; third, Lorne Middaugh.

Improved, 500cc: first, Aaron Harris; second, Rob Cranston Jr.

Improved, 600cc: first, Lucas Weddel; second, Aaron Harris; third, Digger Clarke.

Improved, 700cc: first,

Lucas Weddel; second, Earl Olsen; third, Brooke Addison.

Improved, 800cc: first, Cory Hickey; second, Jeremy Harris; third, Earl Olsen.

Improved Open: first, Tyler Corbiere; second, Chris Hickey; third, Cory Hickey.

Improved Outlaw: first, Tyler Corbiere; second, Kevin Mossip; third, Chris Hickey.

Improved Kids Open, 120cc: first, Ariella Lanktree; second, Ayleana McDermid; third, Lorne Middaugh.

Vintage, under 300cc: first, Alayna Cranston; second, Darren Dewar; third, Tyler Leeson.

Vintage, 340cc: first, Bert Gagne; second, Joe Graham; third, Chris White.



A fine mist of snow rose into the air as the snowmachines roared across the landscape north of Highway 542.

Vintage, 500cc: first, Cole Delisle; second, Rob Cranston Jr; third, Bert Gagne.

Vintage, 600cc: first, Digger Clarke; second, Tony Diodati; third, Rob Cranston Sr.

Vintage, 700cc: first, Digger Clarke; second, Rob Cranston Sr; third, Tony Diodati.

Vintage, 800cc: first, Rob Cranston Sr; second, Digger Clarke; third, Tony Diodati.

Vintage, open: first, Rob Cranston Sr; second, Brendan Addison.

Throughout the day, coffee, hot chocolate and various food items were available from Clyde's Cookhouse, the nearby Dryden's Corner business. Alexa Gordon, Renee Cranston and Jackie White offered their services to prepare and serve the goodies, helping to keep smiles on everyone's faces.

The snow drags will return once more this season on Sunday, March 15, at the same location, 8784 Highway 542 in Spring Bay.

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...Island songwriters' offerings compiled

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Mr. McFarlane had written a song about Manitoulin and that led to a conversation where he began to wonder just how many songs there are about Manitoulin. The most famous of that genre is probably 'Moonlight on the Manitoulin,' but he knew there were plenty more out there, given how many songwriters and musicians call Manitoulin home, for at least part of the year. He decided to look into it, crowdsourcing suggestions on social media and through articles in this newspaper. "I got quite a few responses," said Mr. McFarlane. "There was definitely enough out there for an album, probably more than enough for a couple." The result was a compilation CD featuring local artists and their songs extolling the virtues of the Island.

What all of the songs have in common, besides sharing some wide range country music stylings, are a deep and abiding love of all things Manitoulin, each extolling some aspect of the Island, its people (especially its redneck girls), flora, fauna, fishing, hunting and...well, you get the picture.

In fact, all of the tunes on Songs of Manitoulin feature Manitoulin in their title but one—'The Tehkummah Song.'

The front cover of the CD features the Little Current swing bridge, referenced by more than one of the songs, with a photo by Jib Turner, while the back cover photo and CD design was put together by Andre Probst.

Inside the plastic case are: 'Manitoulin Dance Hall Days,' an ode to that country rite of passage written by Cliff Jewell (performed by Riverbend Song Demos); 'Manitoulin Style' by Jim Beech (performed by Riverbend Song Demos); 'Manitoulin Beckons You,' 'Manitoulin Time,' 'Manitoulin Redneck Girls' and 'Heading Home to Manitoulin' (all also performed by Riverbend Song Demos) all written by Mr. McFarlane; 'Our Day on Manitoulin' by Lori Gordon Hall; 'Manitoulin Hunting Song' by John Gilchrist; 'Take Me Back to Manitoulin Island' by J.R. Aubertin; 'Manitoulin So Much to Learn' by Wayne Bester; the aforementioned 'The Tehkummah Song' by Andre Probst (performed by Riverbend Song Demos); and 'Manitoulin Island' by Dale



Merdick McFarlane is one of the many featured artists on the Songs of Manitoulin album, which is also his brainchild.

Gilchrist.

"I tried to get them recorded locally," said Mr. McFarlane, but there was simply "not enough time. Some were willing to do it, some didn't have the time."

He then checked out Toronto and other Canadian production houses. "Everybody I tried wanted \$700 to \$3,000 a song and 50 percent of the song rights." That was a non-starter; besides, when he dug a little deeper everything was done south of the border anyway. "I thought 'yeah, right'," said Mr. McFarlane.

Since Mr. McFarlane had a friend with a recording studio in Bristol, he went with his next best option. The result is a high-quality CD that captures the spirit and zeitgeist of Island life through 12 songs.

Produced by Big Bird Little Worm Production in Bristol, Tennessee (sorry Nashville, Bristol is the real birthplace of country thanks to the Carter Family et al), the CD retails for \$20, with net proceeds (after production expenses) going to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Songs of Manitoulin CDs are for sale at Occasions in Gore Bay, Bridal Veil Esso in Kagawong, Buies in Spring Bay, Williamsons in Mindemoya, Guardian Pharmacy in Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitowaning, Finn's Gas Bar in M'Chigeeng, CFRM 100.7 The Island Radio Station and The Expositor office in Little Current.

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...Regional 'Angel Bus' encouraged for eastern Island

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one that has a gross weight over 4,500 kg or seats 10 or more passengers. To ensure Angel Bus drivers only need a regular, G-class licence, the Angel Bus does not have seating for more than nine passengers. The operator responsibilities include conduct of the drivers, mechanical safety and condition of the vehicle, passenger safety, as well as keeping records and training, she explained.

Ms. Cook stressed that to receive adequate donations, "it's very important to be able to issue charitable tax receipts."

The Angel Bus is owned by Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Inc., a non-profit registered charity since 2002, whose purpose and objectives are "to advance the social, recreational, athletic, cultural, leisure and spiritual interests of senior citizens and individuals in need of long-term and palliative care, aged 18 years and older, who are residents of Manitoulin Lodge and other senior citizens who are residents of western Manitoulin Island." Ms. Cook thought this perfectly aligned with the need for the Angel Bus.

"Our first donation of \$225 was from St. John's Anglican Church in Kagawong on December 14, 2014," Ms. Cook said. "This was followed by \$50 from Mary and John Buie; \$10,000 from Manitoulin Transport; a matching \$10,000 from the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation so that by the end of 2015, we had over \$54,000."

The first Angel Bus was bought on the classified site Kijiji in the early spring of 2015 for \$8,800 plus HST. It was a retired Halton hand-trans bus.

The Angel Bus's first outing was on April 22, 2015 and approximately 45 outings were completed that first year, most involving residents of Manitoulin Lodge with community members using the Angel Bus on two occasions.

In October 2016, the original van was sold. It had over 285,000 km, ongoing electrical problems, was deemed very noisy, but the main issue was it sat people sideways and made some passengers nauseous.

"However, for less than \$10,000 we were able to test the waters and realize this was a much-needed service," Ms. Cook continued. "Our current Angel Bus, which was bought that October for \$38,985, had only 54,000 km on its odometer, was much qui-



The Angel Bus relies on the donations of the community, like this 2017 donation from New North Fuels.

Recorder file photo

eter, the previous snow tires fit, we moved the back up camera and lights over from the old van and passengers faced forward."

Ms. Cook shared that the Angel Bus averages \$36,600 in donations and fundraising each year. Donations of \$1,000 or more are recognized with signage on the sides of the Angel Bus for the year of the donation. These supporters are local businesses, churches, service clubs, municipalities, families from in-memoriam donations and in-kind recognition. Last year, the Angel Bus received \$7,500 tax-receipted gifts, \$16,780 non-receipted gifts and \$1,800 recovered in HST. Average yearly expenses are \$15,880, which includes insurance, driver abstracts and medicals, fuel, maintenance and repairs.

"All efforts related to the Angel Bus are done by volunteers," Ms. Cook continued. "It's a feel-good, give-back commitment whose importance cannot be underestimated. Currently we have 13 drivers, a dispatcher and five other volunteers on the Angel Bus committee. Our fundraisers include an annual fall dance and summer blueberry social, with quilt raffles and other events rounding out our fundraising activities."

Ms. Cook shared her concerns with recent changes to the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board non-urgent patient transfer vehicles and the new fee-per-use model that many are finding difficult to afford.

"Similarly, United Manitoulin Islands Transit, a much-needed and well-researched Island transit proposal due to start this year, will not service this niche of adults requiring extra care who still deserve to get out and about to live a full, enriched life," Ms. Cook added. "Only a second, east end Angel Bus type of transportation will do that."

Ms. Cook urged council to think of a person or group who might be willing to take on such an endeavor with her guidance.

"So it would put a bus in our area?" Councillor Hugh Moggy asked.

Ms. Cook replied that the hope is to have a second bus for eastern Manitoulin and that while she would not run it, she hopes that someone will come forward.

Councillor Moggy asked if there was government assistance for the Angel Bus. Ms. Cook replied that

there hasn't been any so far. "You deserve a lot of credit—well done," said Mayor Dave Ham.

Councillor Dave McDowell asked about the percentage of users, to which Ms. Cook replied that about 90 percent were Manitoulin Lodge residents. She also noted that most of the trips are Island trips but that a small number go as far as Sudbury.

"So you don't charge the riders?" queried Councillor Moggy. Ms. Cook said they did not, as this would become an entirely different burden and that the drivers were not interested in handling money.

CAO Alton Hobbs inquired after insurance to which Ms. Cook explained that the Angel Bus insurance falls under an umbrella insurance which covers the Lodge auxiliary and all its events and directors with an insurance premium of about \$4,600 a year.

Ms. Cook said she hoped that the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary

would soon have a charitable number and that they might take this on.

Councillor Christianna Jones noted the two Aging

at Home vans through Noojmowin Teg and how needed the service is.

"There's a huge need," Ms. Cook reiterated.

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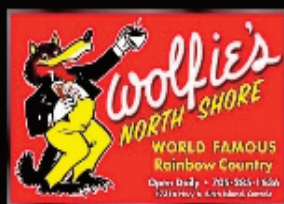


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...New judge assigned

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to's Downtown East neighbourhood.

Chief Justice Maisonneuve has assigned Justice Callaghan to Toronto.

Justice M. Samantha G. Peeris was called to the bar in 1994 and restricted her practice to criminal, quasi-criminal and regulatory law. She has been a sole practitioner since 2003, representing clients on a broad range of matters. From 2002 to 2016, Justice Peeris also served as an alternate chair of the Ontario Review Board at hearings for individuals found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder. Justice Peeris has volunteered as a tutor within the adult literacy program at West Neighbourhood House since 2012.

Chief Justice Maisonneuve has assigned Justice Peeris to Toronto.



As the students enjoyed their lunch, a handful of seasoned and deeply involved team members, including a coder, driver, builder and a business manager, wandered into the workshop to join the discussion between FRC president Mark Breadner and team mentors Allan Davy and Yana Bauer.

...FIRST president visits MSS team

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"It's called Gracious Professionalism. You don't see that elsewhere and it's one of our core values. It's not about winning at all costs, it's how you compete. Everybody wants to compete at their best, and they can only really do so if their opponent is at their best, so it makes sense to work together like that," said Mr. Breadner.

The robotics program has been used for capacity building in a similar way within MSS itself. Mr. Davy, who is a student success teacher at the high school, has been able to translate robotics into a credit recovery pathway for students who are struggling in tech classes.

For those getting ready to leave high school for post-secondary education, the MSS program has also been used as an introduction to possible schools.

"If we have students that are thinking about applying to a particular school, when we're deciding which competitions to enter in we might consider going to a tournament at one of their preferred schools so they can see around campus and get a feel for the environment," said Mr. Davy.

Supports also go in the opposite direction, to the elementary level, like the Grade 8 shadow days described by Lindsay. Ms. Bauer mentioned that the MSS robotics squad was thinking about launching a one-week summer camp for children in Grades 5 through 8 to learn about FRC and how it differs from the FIRST Lego League of which the elementary students may be a part.

Mr. Breadner was all ears at this possibility and said he would love to see a program of that nature in existence.

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With more than 30,000 students, 2,000 volunteers and 2,000 teacher mentors throughout FRC, there have been many success stories about life-changing experiences through robotics. Mr. Davy said the program offers no shortage of transferrable skills from teamwork to leadership and communication.

He and Ms. Bauer shared the story of Emily Savage, a student who designed the team's logo back in 2018 as part of a contest. Later, she

decided to see what work her logo was being used for and was captivated by the world of robotics. She joined up and went on to become a very successful robot driver for Team 6865.

Ms. Savage has since followed those aesthetic dreams—she obtained a certificate in film production from Weengushk Film Institute, located less than 10 minutes from MSS, and aspires to open a film company based on the Island.

Long after the students had to return to class, the teacher-mentors were still talking with Mr. Breadner in the workshop. He, too, soon had to depart as he was heading to visit Team 5672 (or, as others might say, the FRC team based at Wikwemikong High School) on the continuation of his Northern Ontario road trip.

Team 5672, First Nations STEM, is an all-Anishinaabe team headed by mentor Chris Mara which was founded in the 2014-2015 school year. The team has since gone on to win several awards and, just last year, was ranked among the top three of hundreds of FIRST Robotics teams around the world.

Mr. Davy credits Mr. Mara for his steady encouragement and motivation that the MSS team ever came into being. Indeed, Manitoulin Metal 6865 might not be in existence without the mentoring and support from Team 5672.

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The story of robotics on Manitoulin Island is, in many ways, a projection of the values on which FRC prides itself: working together to build each other up, innovating new solutions, direct and indirect learning and inclusion and diversity.

"I'm very pleased to be able to visit these teams. I'm proud of the teachers and students; they're doing amazing work and it's making a difference in so many kids' lives. (At FRC), we love being able to support that," said Mr. Breadner.

Through the efforts of team leaders, parent and community supporters and, of course, the dedicated students themselves, the two high schools of Manitoulin Island have proven that greatness can be achieved despite the challenges that one must over-

come.

As this year's Manitoulin team members put the pieces of their robots together and prepare for their first challenges at the regional qualifiers in March, there is a sense of duty and purpose present in their actions.

These students' successes will define the successes of those next groups, and the future challengers will have their predecessors to thank for building a base. Now, the friendly "co-operation," as FRC describes it, can begin, with each cohort trying to best the old records of former teams.

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MANITOULIN—Celebrity fishing personality Bob Izumi is gearing up to be on Manitoulin Island to host and film the Real Fishing Show at the second edition of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown on February 22-23.

Derby contestants will not only have a shot at over \$50,000 in cash and prizes but will now have a chance to enter the “Out-fish Bob Izumi Contest.” This fun-filled contest will have participants competing for a Manitoulin Ice Showdown prize pack with plenty of sponsored swag and of course bragging rights. To enter the contest participants will simply have to beat Bob’s heaviest fish throughout the weekend which will qualify them for a random draw to determine the winner.

“This contest gives Manitoulin Ice Showdown participants a fun and unique chance to ‘beat Bob at his own game,’ which will surely amp up the competition a notch or two as participants try their best to beat Canada’s most seasoned angler,” states Giselle Aiabens, Wikwemikong Tourism Special Events Coordinator, with a chuckle.

The fun doesn’t end there. The Manitoulin Ice Showdown has partnered with the Manitoulin Brewing Company and the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre to host the meet and greet social with the Izumis featuring live entertainment from Elijah and the Backburners on

Saturday, February 23 from 7 to 9 pm. Join fellow anglers for appetizers, entertainment and the live draw for the registration prize for the 2020 Polaris Voyager 550.

As part of The Fishing Manitoulin Destination Filming Partnership, Wikwemikong Tourism is bringing together industry partners to invest in promoting Manitoulin Island

“Having Bob Izumi film and host the Showdown will, no doubt, raise the profile of our event but more importantly filming the two television productions will ensure that we are doing our part to promote the Island as an iconic destination” states Wikwemikong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig.

The Manitoulin Ice Showdown has evolved from the Wikwemikong Ice Fishing Derby into a multi-day destination fishing event attracting anglers from across the province. It is expected that having Bob Izumi’s Real Fishing Show combined with the over \$50,000 in prizes will make the 2020 event an even bigger draw for anglers.

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Valentine poet and his muse talk tips for everlasting love

by Alicia McCutcheon
ASSIGINACK—Loyal readers of this newspaper will know that during this week each year, The Expositor hosts a Valentine poetry contest where local scribes can put their heart to paper (or keyboard) and share their love with the Manitoulin community. Those same readers will likely be familiar with Robbie

Denise recalls. When she answered ‘yes’ Robbie told her he would be right over. On November 1, 2009, Robbie attended the Great Northern Opry’s annual dedication event in Sault Ste. Marie and invited Denise to come with him. The couple say they had a wonderful time together, and haven’t parted since. “From 2002 to 2009, Denise and I grew a friend-

ship,” Robbie shares. In 2010 Denise had rotator cuff surgery and Robbie was very concerned about how she would look after herself.

“Who’s going to look after you?” he remembers asking. “I better just move in.” And so he did. On Christmas Day in 2012, Robbie proposed with Denise’s son Jamie present

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Denise and Robbie on their wedding day in 2014.

Shawana’s name among those poets.

Robbie is probably most familiar to Manitoulin audiences through his music and his love of motorcycles (he’s the Spirit Island chapter president of the Redrum motorcycle club). He’s a staple of the country music scene, playing gigs far and wide and is a Great Northern Opry inductee too so it should come as no great surprise that Robbie can spirit his deep love for wife Denise McKenzie-Shawana into poems each and every year.

The couple admit that they first encountered one another on the popular dating website Lavalife back in 2002 and while they struck up a conversation, communicating back and forth through the then-popular MSN Messenger chat application, they didn’t actually go on any dates.

Over the years, the two remained friends, chatting periodically, first through MSN Messenger then later Facebook, but circumstances changed. Robbie got married and Denise began a relationship.

While Denise bartended the event that night, she and Robbie struck up their conversation once again.

A couple of weeks following the wedding, Denise and Robbie were chatting online. She had been hard at work finishing her back deck and decided she was in need of a hot tub.

“You have a hot tub?” Robbie asked excitedly,



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With a strong embrace instilling security and passion,
With a sweet smile that teases out
the dimples in your cheeks,
With a special scent of soap and sweat—of man
With a caress that's soft and gentle, or fun and playful, or
intense and strong,
With a laugh that spills out all around with abandon,
With a song, a deep rumble,
a whisper to shiver up the spine,
With a sip and savouring pull of lips that glide
and deepen and search,
With a spark and hum, reaching into the ether -
chasing the very essence of being one...
You're a contradiction; a fortress of muscle
with a sensitive, loving soul.

Samantha Boudreau

I Will Go With You

I would go to the ends of the earth
if you said "come with me."
I'd go with you anywhere you want
even out on the open sea.
If you say "let's go to the mountains"
I will be close by your side.
If you lead, I will follow
with you as my trusted guide.
My heart knows no danger
whenever I'm with you;
My heart feels only love
I know your word is true.
I trust that you will totally
keep me safe and warm.
I'll follow you, wherever you lead,
and that you'll stave off any harm.
When the sunlit day is over,
and the dark night settles in,
we'll be together at peace
as a new tomorrow will begin.
It doesn't matter where we go,
just that we go together.
That's what our love is,
together forever and ever.

Melody Hore, Evansville

Untitled

Love can turn to hate,
Especially for me,
Because I'm hanging on,
To something that can't be.

I know you don't love me,
But I just can't see it,
For my love for you,
Is too strong to just leave it.

Well, I am trying so hard,
But if I just can't let go,
Even if you become a memory,
I'd still love you so.

Janet James, Providence Bay

Reflections on a life loved one year on

A sweet and funny man,
a larger-than-life character,
whose mischievous quips and impish chuckles
still make the best of tales
comforting ripples....
And his spirit lives on.
'Tis long and short: this year
he's rested in painless peace.
He now celebrates more laughter and joy
than we can fathom.
I am what you see (he said)
Bruce darling!

Carol Lee, Rockville

Valentine, Already Mine

Gently blowing kisses towards my valentine today,
Dreams of love and tenderness shared in every way.

Thinking of the beauty in the things you do,
Reminding me why I'm so in love with you.

Speaking to you softly with words I write,
Loving you is purpose and pure delight.

Singing to you quietly, a desire melody,
Happy you are in my life, no happier we could be.

Dancing with you boldly upon this earthly floor,
Wrapping in each other's arms, alone no more.

Exchanging Valentine's Day wishes with you and those
we know,
Bonds in love and strength we continue to grow.

Amber Varey, Little Current

For the love of winter

Cold nights spent by the fire,
Waiting for the ice and snow to expire;
Snuggled up close in a little cocoon,
Looking out at the crisp stars and the moon;
Quiet times to connect and talk,
To look a little deeper and really take stock;
Manitoulin winters are often overlooked,
But it's time well spent, enjoying our quiet little nook.

Emma Chapman

And the winner is...

Valentine's Day with an Angel

"So Beautiful that even angels wept in his absence!" Is what she said to me (an elderly lady at the bus stop who looked to be 93). She said this very timidly, and never took her eyes off me.

I asked, "who, my dear, would that be?"

"This is my first Valentine's Day without him," she wept, "but you remind me of him; so beautiful you make the sun glisten." I replied, "If you want, I could take us to lunch and have a listen."

"I would like that: I was just on my way to visit him."

As we rode along on the bumpy bus I sat with her and then took her to lunch. We talked about her husband, the weather and even brunch. When the meal was over, I walked her to the cemetery only a couple of blocks away.

She said, "thank you my dear. I can continue on my way. My goodness, you've been with me all day. You must be an angel yourself to show such kindness to a strange old lady. All this time I never asked you if you have a special lady?"

That's when my phone rang. I said, "excuse me ma'am, this is her." She smiled and said, "Well, what are you waiting for?"

I answered my girlfriend's call and told her I was running late and would be there soon. She replied, "where are you, I've been waiting since noon!?" I told her I'd explain and be there soon.

I hung up the phone, and glanced up; she was gone, it was so abrupt! I looked up and down the street she was nowhere to be found! I thought she'd gone into the cemetery, so I took a stroll down; I didn't remember her husband's name or did she even tell me?

That's when I saw the picture memorial stone that read, "Joe and Angela Duffney." It was her, the lady I spent the day with, she was younger but I knew it was her. I went and got my girlfriend, I had to show her! She said, "But how can that be?"

That's when I made the decision, pulled out my grandmother's wedding ring, got down on one knee, and asked very timidly, "Will you marry me? She shouted "yes, yes a million times yes!"

It was all because I spent Valentine's Day with an angel in a white dress.

She made me realize the only thing for sure in this life or in Heaven is love. That's when we glanced up and saw a white turtle dove.

Dedicated to Joe Duffney of Newfoundland/Nova Scotia, an amazing 93 year old man who is need of prayers because he is in a bad way right now, please send your love and prayers. And also my dear friend Terry Turtle Patterson. Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Rick Duffney, Silver Water

There, before my stillness, came the vision
dreamt whole life long.
Hair, slightly curled, framed Manitou eyes,
a dreamy smile whispering kindness, truth.
You approached my admiration, my space.
Oh life, how long took this treasured meet?
Oh love, how great this life heart beats.

J. Stephens, Mindemoya

Beautiful

Because he calls me beautiful
I feel safe and loved;
Because he calls me beautiful
I can rest in the knowledge that I am his alone;
Because he calls me beautiful
I feel grounded, even when life gets a little crazy;
Because he calls me beautiful
He can get away with things with a wink and a smile;
Because he calls me beautiful
I am proud to call him mine.

Robin Omnet-Schachinger, Little Current

Transitional Love

It's a long way back to the love of my dreams;
When you're young and feeling alive.
It was all so clear
Upshifting the gear;
Love once
Was in overdrive.

But if you think you can make it with somebody else
I won't wrestle the cons or the clowns.
I'll just put it in gear
And get out of here.
And race that Healey home.

If the snow falls too heavy with a storm in the night;
If you're lost and left in the dark.
I won't run and hide,
I'll take it in stride;
Freewheeling
Real love off the line.

'Cause I've nothing but love for you all the time,
That way we're never alone.
Just wait for me here
While I shift through each gear
And race that Healey home.

Craig Maclean, Little Current

This S'aint Valentine's Poem

Some secrets everyone touches their scent sounds
sweet to our eyes,
kissing clean, hearing light, tasting tones, seeing
it's hold apparently concealed
a feeling breathed,
movements.
unique

This s'aint Valentine's poem
doesn't have any rhyme
no stops to exchange lovers
repeating her only rings the same
for the fourteenth day
is not for every body
it is for everyone

Hope this page august makes sense to you
read to your valentina as I do them to mine
words can go missing
gestures must be found
though I think I know what she'll say
"will you, my dear, be my...?"

a des roches

Happy Valentine's Day my "Heart Sweet"

I love unwinding with you at the end of the day. Even if it's just sitting there quietly and we have nothing to say.

We have both grown as a couple, and as individuals, as the years go by. So has my love, you are the apple of my eye.

Thank you for accompanying me when going for a motorcycle ride on the bike. Or watching me play the guitar and sing a song at open mic.

I would have never imagined our wonderful life and having grandkids! Making apple and grape jelly and hearing the "popping" of the lids!

You know how to make others feel better by the words you said. Or feeding us with your wonderful sweet Asian bread.

Sometimes you surprise me when I text, "what are you doing for lunch?" then there you are ordering the thing I wanted, just on a hunch!

Life is better running with you as a partner in this life race. Volunteering together to make the world a better place.

The love we share together is beautiful, rare and true! I prayed to the Creator for a loving partner and he sent you!

This Valentine's Day let's take our time, no need to rush. The words I whisper in your ear will make even Cupid blush!

Who would have thought our love would make such a kerfuffle! We are now The Manitoulin Expositor's featured sweetheart couple!

Even though we may not win this year's Valentine's Day poetry contest, I know you think the one I wrote for you, my dear, is the best!

I will never get tired of saying these words because they are true. Happy Valentine's Day, my heart sweet Denise, I love you!

Robbie Shawana, Assiginack



Valentine's Day is fast approaching! Do you have any special plans? If not, a nice meal with some flowers and chocolates is sure to be a good way to celebrate. A Valentine's Day joke for you:

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?
He gave her a ring.

On Wednesday, February 5, the junior and senior girls' volleyball teams were in action at W.C. Eaket Secondary School. Both teams won all their games and have qualified for the NSSSA finals! The junior girls are undefeated in the regular season and are hosting the NSSSA finals at MSS today, Wednesday February 12. The senior girls placed second overall in the regular season and will be playing in the NSSSA finals at Espanola High School on Wednesday as well. Go, Mustangs, go!

Last week, the girls' hockey team brought home the title of champions from the Canlan Tournament. Great job, girls!

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

The MSS musical production of 'Bye Bye Birdie' starts tomorrow! Show nights are February 13, 14 and 15. The curtain rises at 7 pm. Tickets are \$16/each and are available at the Gore Bay IDA, and at the Guardian Pharmacies in Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitowaning. Tickets are also being sold at the door on show nights. The stage manager is Allie Carrick, the head technical director is Mrs. Theijmeijer, Mr. Zegil is the artistic director, Mr. Theijmeijer is the musical director, Ms. Boisvert is in charge of choreography and Miss Ferguson is the head of costumes. Hope to see you there!

Friday, February 14 is Valentine's Day! It makes Friday a little more special than it already is.

Did you hear about the nearsighted porcupine? He fell in

love with a pin cushion!

Monday, February 17 is Family Day! That means a three-day weekend and an opportunity to spend some extra time with family and friends!

Next Wednesday, February 19 the MSS girls' hockey team will be playing against L'horizon at Ray Plourde arena at 3:30 pm. The girls also play a home game in M'Chigeeng against Notre-Dame on Thursday, February 20 at 5 pm.

Grade 8 information night for students and parents will be held at MSS on February 20 at 6 pm.

Joke of the week: What type of shape is most popular on Valentine's Day? Acute triangle.

Upcoming events include, MSS hockey and volleyball, the MSS production of 'Bye Bye Birdie,' Grade 8 information night and much more!

Have a safe and fun Family Day!

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Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Manitoulin Haweater Coins wanted. Check your drawers, shelves and closets, don't forget to look under the couch. Looking for unwanted haweater coins dating between 1968 to 2008. Trying to complete a collection. Please email your detailed list of coins and pricing to romanovichjohn@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your help, consideration and time. 31-40c

Looking for a Pacific Energy box stove, either whole or parts. Call Leo, 705-348-2045. 38-39p

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave. 39-40p

rentals

Two-bedroom furnished bungalow on North Channel, walking distance to downtown Little Current. \$790 per month plus utilities. Available until June 25. Three-bedroom furnished bungalow with stone fireplace available April 1, \$920 per month plus utilities. Lawn care and snow removal included. No pets. Call 705-368-2186. 38tfn

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Karrisa Merrylees and Grant Turner are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ava Nancy Mae Turner, born February 4, 2020 at 3:37 am weighing 6 lbs, 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Denise and Jeff Graham from Little Current, Mark and Nancy Merrylees from Sudbury and Heather and John Turner from Ice Lake. 39p

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current hours: Monday, closed; Tuesday to Saturday, 4 pm to closing. Tfn

Weekly special events at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Tuesdays, dart night; Thursdays, wing night; Fridays, meat roll draw. Tfn

Eight Ball Pool Tournament at the Little Current Legion Wednesday nights starting at 7 pm. Entry fee is \$5. Maximum 10 players. Rules based on Legion and V.N.E.A regulations. For information contact co-ordinator, Norris Valiquette, 705-368-1717. 16tfn

Little Current Legion Breakfast Brunch. Sunday, March 1, 10 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$10; five years and under, free. Serving eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, French toast, toast, tea or coffee. Please help support your Legion, so they can support community events. 39-41p

Little Current Legion All you can eat Spaghetti Supper. Friday, February 21, 5 pm to 7 pm. \$10 per person; five years and under free. Serving spaghetti, meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea and coffee. Please help support your Legion so they can support community events. 39-40p

Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is now at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium on Monday nights, beginning at 6 pm. All youth 12 to 18 are welcome to join. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350. Tfn

coming events

Shrove Pancake breakfast, Tuesday, February 25 at Knox United Church Hall, Manitowaning from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults, \$10; children aged 5 to 12 years, \$5; under 5, free. Serving pancakes, sausages, tea and coffee. 39-40p

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 25 at All Saints Anglican Church Hall, Gore Bay from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults, \$10; 5 to 12 years of age, \$5; children under five, free. Serving pancakes, sausages, whipped cream, strawberries and Manitoulin maple syrup. 38-40p

Come and join us for station of the cross and evening prayer at Our Lady of Canada Church on Wednesdays, March 4, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 6:30 pm to 5:45 pm. If interested call Keith Legree, 705 968-0822 or email keithlegree@gmail.com. 38-41p

Come and join us for a Lent reflection, at Our Lady of Canada Church on Saturday, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 from 6 pm to 6:45 pm. If interested call Keith Legree, 705 968-0822 or email keithlegree@gmail.com. 38-40p

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm. All meetings are in the board room of the Hospital. Meet us in the waiting room upstairs. This month Tim Vine (CFO of Manitoulin Health Center) will speak to us about the expansion of the hospital. All are welcome and new members are more than welcome. 39-40c

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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Beef supper at Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay, featuring Burt Farm beef and homemade pie, Saturday, February 15. \$16 per person or \$35 per family. 5 pm to 6:30 pm. 39p

Our Lady of Canada Catholic Church is hosting World Day of Prayer 2020 on Friday, March 6 at 2 pm. All are welcome to learn more about Zimbabwe. 39-42p

Shrove Tuesday supper, February 25 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall. Serving bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit, tea and coffee. \$10 per person. 39-40p

World Day of Prayer, 2020. Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk. Ecumenical Worship Service Information on Friday, March 6 at St. Bernard's Church, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current at 2 pm. Fellowship to follow after worship service. 39-42p

Gordon Women's Institute Family potluck supper. Sunday, February 23, at the Gordon Community Hall at 6 pm. Admission is a donation at the door and a dish. 39c

Mid-Winter Rummage Sale at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay, February 21 and 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. Funds raised to support outreach projects in our community and around the world. 39-40p

OPEN MIC IS BACK— George Williamson and friends have returned to the Little Current United Church's Assembly Hall. Come, bring your instrument, your voice (or both) and become one of George's Friends or just come and be entertained. Coffee, tea and refreshments served at this free event. Free-will cash donations go to the Manitoulin Food Bank. Next events will be Friday, February 27 at 6:30 pm.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Employment Opportunity
Casual On-Call Receptionist

Responsibilities:

- Perform all receptionist duties and activities for incoming calls and greeting all visitors and clientele in a professional manner
- Maintain and monitor voice message system on a daily basis
- Maintain and monitor in/out board as well as sign in/out sheet
- Maintain and monitor the office equipment and order supplies
- Record & log incoming and outgoing mail and delivery packages on a daily basis
- Perform mailroom functions through distribution of incoming/outgoing mail as required
- Provide support services to Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. & Noojmowin Teg Health Centre employees in areas of typing, photocopying, ordering supplies, etc.
- Identify efficient and effective procedures that relate to the improvement of office administration
- Ensuring all client information, personnel matters and other information are deemed confidential

Qualifications:

- Office Management/Business Administration and/or Medical Secretarial Certificate or three years relevant experience in a health or office setting
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibway culture, language and traditions is an asset
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task
- Preference will be provided to individuals of Indigenous Ancestry

Deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
 Send Resume, cover letter, CPIC/VSS, 3 current work-related reference letters marked 'Confidential' by email, mail or in person to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271 • Fax: 705-368-2229
 hr@mnaamodzawin.com

Incomplete submissions will not be considered. We thank all for applying, however, only those under considerations will be contacted.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Seasonal Positions**

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for a number of seasonal assistant positions for spring/summer 2020. Contract length varies from 8-12 weeks depending on position and successful applicants' availability.

- Swim Instructor (30 hours per week)**
- Swim Assistant (30 hours per week)**
- Marina Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)**
- Public Works Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)**
- Museum Assistant (35 hours per week)**
- Library Assistant (35 hours per week)**

Applications (cover letter and resume) will be accepted at the township office until February 27, 2020, and may be submitted in person or by mail or email. Please direct enquiries and applications to:

kmcdonald@billingswp.ca
15 Old Mill Road
PO Box 34
Kagawong ON P0P 1J0

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64 Meredith Street E,
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
at Manitowaning Mill Home Hardware**

We are looking for a Full-Time
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Dutes include assisting customers with projects, data entry into computers, stocking shelves, maintaining a clean work environment.

Please drop off your resume to Larry Karn.
Manitowaning Mill Home Hardware
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The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

KENJGEWIN TEG

**KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM MEMBER FOR THE JOURNEY TOGETHER:
MNIDOO MNISING SHARING AND LEARNING CENTRE FOR ALL
JANUARY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020
INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS INSTRUCTOR - 2ND POSTING**

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The Journey Together: Mnídoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All provides programming that is culturally sensitive to the needs of Indigenous children and families in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board catchment area by taking an approach that provides ongoing professional development through a learning community model.

INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS INSTRUCTOR
Educator/ED6 Post-secondary Teacher/Salary Grade Band G
Salary Range (52,076–57,862–63,649) Qualified Level

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will participate as a team member in working towards the key objectives of the project. The key objectives include: increased accessibility to culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families, enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development and programming, fostering Indigenous identity within child care centres and supporting Indigenous and Non-Indigenous service providers to develop capacity.

The Indigenous Early Years Instructor will work in collaboration with a team and external resources to plan, design and implement early years program material and professional development opportunities. This position will facilitate training for licensed child care providers to build capacity and an understanding of the development of Indigenous children and families as well as plan and facilitate programming for children and families.

Flexibility and adaptability to change is essential in this position as the organization explores effectiveness and efficiencies in the realm of changes occurring in the Early Learning sector.

- Qualifications:**
- Early Childhood Educator Diploma
 - A minimum of 5 years work experience in the Early Learning Sector
 - Facilitation experience
 - Experience in curriculum development would be an asset
 - Excellent organizational and administrative skills, report writing skills
 - Knowledge and experience with indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
 - Knowledge and awareness of indigenous culture and traditions.
 - Capable of coordinating activities within the Early Years and family programs, independently and in team environment
 - Ability to multi-task and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
 - Strong and positive interpersonal skills required, including personal initiative, industrious work ethic, positive outlook and attitude to contribute to the program and organization working environment
 - Excellent computer skills preferably in a Microsoft Office environment: word processing, spreadsheet, graphics/charts, and presentation software
 - Must be willing to travel
 - Must have Valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle

Deadline: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 12 noon

For a detailed job description please contact Brenda Francis, Director of Operations at 705-377-4342 or by email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:
Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential either through mail or fax only, to:
Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – Indigenous Early Years Instructor"
c/o Director of Operations
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

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KENJGEWIN TEG

**KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM MEMBER TO PROVIDE FULL YEAR
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS!**

**LEARNING COACH - PATHWAYS
TERM POSITION: ONE YEAR CONTRACT**

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Learning Coach:

The Learning Coach is committed to creating and promoting an environment that reflects our language, traditions and culture in all that we do and will have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history, customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols. The Learning Coach is responsible for working as a team in teaching and coordinating duties for the Pathways Program. This position is for an individual who is a passionate people person who will lead a student population with tremendous potential who require student support services to ensure academic success and student retention.

This position is highly interpersonal with constant interaction with students and the local community. The position demands an individual that can handle people with tact while being able to inspire, lead and be supportive.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education degree with Intermediate/Senior qualifications
- Special Education qualifications would be a definite asset
- A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers
- Minimum three (3) years of successful teaching experience in the intermediate/senior division
- Knowledge and experience working with e-learning applications and LMS including the Ministry of Education D2L environment

Job Knowledge and Skill:

- Knowledge of Anishinabek cultural teachings or at a minimum willing to learn and participate is preferred
- Familiarity with available community resources in our service delivery area
- Possess coaching and mentoring skills
- Ability to work effectively within a team environment approach to program development and delivery
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students, community service providers, and staff
- Must be able to function in an environment that requires multi-tasking

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 12 NOON

To learn more about this employment opportunity, please contact the Director of Operations at 705-377-4342.

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Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential either through mail or fax only to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Learning Coach - Pathways"
c/o Director of Operations
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

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Employment Opportunity ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CONTRACT POSITION

LAMBAC is hiring an experienced Economic Development Officer to work on behalf of The Western Manitoulin Community Network for a three-year period. This person will be responsible to implement priorities which include, but are not limited to: lead & co-ordinate an investment-ready region-wide marketing strategy, create an investment-ready database to market all assets/offers/services/businesses/events/contacts within the region, build social cohesion within the region, market and promote current trail systems and Misery Bay Park in area, promote and improve agriculture base as well as promoting local market outlets, and gather information to develop 4 Season Tourism Strategy.

The ideal candidate for this position will have the following qualifications:

- Graduate of a recognized post secondary program
- Three years experience in Economic Development
- Proficient in various computer software (Word, Excel)
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication and listening skills
- Must have strong organizational skills and ability to work with minimal supervision and as a team player.
- Willing to work evenings and weekends as required
- Ability to facilitate community meetings
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle

The successful applicant will be required to provide a Criminal Record Check.

**Deadline for applications
Friday, February 21, 2020**

Please submit a resume with cover letter and three references in confidence to:

LAMBAC
Re: Economic Development Officer Position
30 Meredith St.,
Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
Tel: 705 282 3215
Email: westman@lambac.org

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HELP WANTED ASSISTANT MANAGER/COUPLE

Assistant Manager/Couple to carry out daily resort operations. Handle reservations and public relations, some computer skills, a working knowledge of the kitchen, dining room, bar and light maintenance. Accommodations provided.

Send resume to rterrace@amtelecom.net
rockgardenresort.on.ca

KENJGEWIN TEG

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A TEAM MEMBER FOR THE JOURNEY TOGETHER: MNIDOO MNISING SHARING AND LEARNING CENTRE FOR ALL FEBRUARY 2020 TO MARCH 2023 PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – TEACHING AND LEARNING - 2ND POSTING

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PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – TEACHING AND LEARNING
Program/Service Coordinator – Team Leader Operational Support (PSC3)
Salary Range (47,248 – 52,498 – 57,748) Qualified Level

Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education, the Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for teachers and educators include Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishinaabe bimaadziwin in teaching and learning perspectives is critical.

Job Responsibilities:

- Develop and oversee all aspects of program delivery in a new organizational framework for a Teaching and Learning Programs strategy with the post-secondary education and training team; this includes researching and compiling documents to support and draft proposals and/or reports for funding, as assigned
- Plan and coordinate annual teaching and learning programs for delivery with the post-secondary team as approved by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training; (examples of teaching and learning programs may include teacher education programs leading to an undergraduate, graduate degree, certificate or diploma; additional qualifications (AQ's) courses for members of the Ontario College of Teachers; programs for early childhood educators; includes other workshop, seminars for professional development opportunities).
- Lead, implement, monitor and oversee teaching and learning program activities throughout each program's/academic year lifecycle; this includes monitoring and providing support to teaching and learning program faculty/instructors for course materials and equipment, textbooks, classroom bookings, accommodation and meals (if required) as part of each delivery site's program and/or course delivery location,
- Assist with research and development of articulation agreements with potential industry, government and post-secondary partners in collaboration with the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training
- Secure instructors, faculty, and other resource/knowledge holders related to delivery of teaching and learning programs; lead the development and preparation of instructional/faculty contracts for teaching and learning programs, with final contract approval submission to the Corporate Services team.
- Create program delivery schedules based on needs of students, faculty/instructors, community and available resources; liaise with community partners for delivery of community-based programs in additional locations as planned.
- Liaise and work closely with faculty/instructors and the Registrar in use of the organization's student information and learning management systems for student admissions, attendance, grades and other quality assurance processes.
- Prepare draft budgets and programs costs related to teaching and learning programs for approval by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, contributing to the overall post-secondary education and training annual budgets; submit and prepare expenses related to teaching and learning program delivery costs for approval by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training.
- Coordinate and lead meetings with instructors and program staff to ensure effective communication and planning on a regular basis.
- Liaise and work closely with the Dean of Student Services and Wellness and other post-secondary team members in designing and ensuring student support services are provided to students enrolled in teaching and learning programs; coordinate and lead discussions regarding student issues/concerns affecting student academic success, as required.
- Contribute and participate in the organization's mandatory quality assurance audit and compliance processes as part of continuous improvement and program delivery excellence; this includes leading and monitoring the administration of instructor performance and student satisfaction evaluations in teaching and learning programs

Qualifications:

- Minimum of diploma within the teaching and learning sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity
- Minimum of two years of program coordination experience
- Program management and/or program budget planning experience
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software;
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinaabe traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishinaabe bimaadziwin.
- Must have Valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle

Deadline: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 12 noon

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE PRIMARY CARE MANAGER (1 FTE)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking a full-time Primary Care Manager. The Manager will direct and supervise medical services and allied health team members, ensuring that the team works in consultation and collaboration with area First Nations, and other relevant health and social service organizations and providers. The incumbent will be responsible for all primary care specific projects and quality improvement initiatives. The successful candidate will demonstrate an alignment with Noojmowin Teg's mission, vision and guiding principles.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is committed to ongoing outreach, working in a circle of care approach, providing services in a culturally safe and relevant manner, working within a team based and supported environment, and to delivering services within the seven First Nation health clinics, off-reserve and in the Espanola area. The manager will report to the Executive Director.

The successful applicant will receive a competitive and attractive employment package. For more information on the organization and services provided, please check out: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.

Duties:

- Manage all medical, allied health and support staff and services;
- Oversee and ensure the effectiveness and optimization of services including referral processes; appropriate charting, appropriate consultation and follow up, scheduling, program safety and delivery, etc;
- Ensure effective and comprehensive use of the organization's electronic medical record system;
- Ensure all team members maintain a high level of professional knowledge and skills through participation in necessary professional education and training, including a priority on cultural safety;
- Ensure compliance of health professionals with regulatory standards;
- Participate as a leader in organizational and partnered quality improvement initiatives;
- Manage general program responsibilities including budgets, funding report submissions, etc
- Ensure that Anishnabemowin and cultural safety practices of the organization be carried out

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a degree specific to a Registered Nurse and/or relevant Allied Health discipline;
- Current registration and in good standing with appropriate regulatory body;
- Five years work experience in a management capacity and specific to community based primary health care - First Nation or indigenous setting preferred;
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills in budget management, staff supervision, privacy, incident investigations, occupational health and safety, funding reports, resource allocation, etc;
- Demonstrated experience in successful project management – ie. new initiatives, research, etc;
- Demonstrated ability to work within a team environment, internally and externally
- Experience in blending western and traditional health practices, preferred;
- Knowledge of Anishnabemowin and the Anishinabek culture, traditions and local communities, an asset;
- Excellent interpersonal, and written communication skills within an electronic environment, mandatory;
- Ability to travel, reliable vehicle, a valid class G Driver's License and clear driver's abstract;
- Clear vulnerable sector criminal record check, required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, copy of registration, a current criminal records check, a copy of valid driver's license and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile, or email. Please do not send via Facebook.

Application Deadline: February 24, 2020 at 12 noon

Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

T: (705) 368-2182 ext. 235
F: (705) 368-2229
E: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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SEASONAL HELP WANTED
 Full-time or part-time available
 Mid-May to Mid-October
**Clubhouse employee for
 Brookwood Brae Golf Course.**

Please mail resume to
 Box 100, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0

Free food cupboard. If you could use some help with groceries, you are invited to stop by the Gore Bay United Church to pick up some supplies. The Food Cupboard is open on Thursdays from 12 noon to 3 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm. All are welcome. No means test required. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011.

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
 Climate Action Committee**

If you are a resident of Central Manitoulin and are interested in contributing to a plan on how your municipality can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, you may be interested in applying to be on this committee!

Please send an email to Kristin Koetsier at centralcc@eastlink.ca to receive details and the application form, or call 705-377-5726 for alternative arrangements!

Applications are due Friday February 28th at 4:30pm.
 People of all ages are encouraged to apply.



Tenders for the Township Road Rehabilitation

SEALED TENDERS, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah, 456 Highway 542A, PO Box 24, Tehkummah, Ontario P0P 2C0, until:

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., local time

A public opening of these tenders will be held on the same day at the Township offices shortly after 3pm.

The Work consists generally of the supplying of all materials, labour and equipment for the rehabilitation of 10,500 metres of Township roads, including culverts, ditching, fencing, guiderails, grading and surface treatment.

Complete tender documents may be obtained by general contractors commencing, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from the office of the Consulting Engineer, WSP., 185 East Street, Sault Ste. Marie, on payment of a refundable deposit of **\$100.00**, made payable to the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah. The deposit for documents will be returned to the bidders provided the documents are returned to the Consulting Engineer in good condition and within two weeks after the closing date.

Tender documents may be studied without payment, but may not be removed from: The Consulting Engineer's office, the Sault Ste. Marie Construction Association at 117 White Oak Drive East Sault Ste Marie, the Northeastern Ontario Construction Association, 257 Beatty Street, Sudbury, and the Township Office.


Each tender must be accompanied by a tender deposit in the form of a certified cheque in the amount of **\$150,000.00** payable to the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah.

A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and a Labour and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 50% of the Contract Price will be required.

Tenders are subject to a formal contract being prepared and executed. The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Township of Tehkummah
 456 Highway 542A, PO Box 24,
 Tehkummah, Ontario P0P 2C0
 Ph: 705-859-3293
 Fax: 705-859-2605
 twptehk@amtelecom.net

WSP Consulting Engineer
 WSP Canada Inc.
 185 East Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 3C8
 Ph: 705-942-2070
 Fax: 705-942-3532
 generalSSM@wsp.com



**Form 6
 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
 Municipal Act, 2001
 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules
 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
 THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
 NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on March 12, 2020, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current.

Description of Land:

Roll No. 51 19 040 002 14900 0000; PIN 47120-0231 (LT); Part Lot 30 Concession 3 Howland as in T18911; S/T & T/W T18911; NE Manitoulin & Islands; File No. 18-07
 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$8,000
Minimum tender amount: \$5,207.11

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding road accessibility, the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer
 The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands
 14 Water St. E.
 P.O. Box 608
 Little Current ON P0P 1K0
 705-368-3500 x222
www.townofnemi.on.ca
swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca

**Application for CONSENT
 Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
 To be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020
 at 7:00pm at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center**

File No. : Con 2020-01
 Applicant: Dianne McGaughey
 Location
 Legal Description: 266 Hwy 540
 Howland, Concession 11, Lot 22
 Official Plan: Residential
 Zoning: R1

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
 The purpose of this application is to create 2 new lots.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 The applicant is creating two new lots

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.


IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: February 5th, 2020
 Town of Northeastern
 Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
 Ph: (705)368-3500



Tehkummah Talk and Times

There is hardly a day goes by without hearing news of one kind or another. Today, I heard of Eileen Leeson breaking her arm. She will be going to Sudbury for therapy. So, get well soon, my dear friend.

Morden just called a few minutes ago Tuesday evening.

Earlier today, I got a surprise call from Gore Bay Lodge. Georgina Holmes and Bernard are very much settled in up there and are quite happy and comfortable, nice to have a chat and get caught up on the news.

This afternoon a short meeting was held at the Hall. Triangle Club regular monthly meeting.

Judy Blue was in one morning bearing gifts. She had been over to visit with Bob the day before? He is taking physio therapy in Sudbury.

February is heart month. I'm sure it's not a coincidence that those are my issues because it's a repeat!

This is also Black History Month. Talk about issues, can't compare! This is also leap month when the women can ask a man to marry and if he refuses he has to buy her a silk dress! One could have a whole closet full or can you only ask on Sadie Hawkins Day? I needed my mother to keep me filled in on the hows and whys. My sister Mollie's birthday is on Valentine's Day, a lot of Valentine birthdays including Betty Jean's.

This month has a lot of birthdays on the calendar. I remember seeing Robert Moise's name and Lois Newton.

Out of all the hundreds of new cards I have, I couldn't find one baby card. All of a sudden there is a "baby boom" in our area. Congratulations to the new parents Anastasia and George and their new baby boy, Vasily, Tehkummah, born December 14, 2019. And Alicia and Cole and their newest baby girl, Lillian Dawn Vivian, born 10:31 on Tuesday, February 4 (made it just in time I heard), Manitowaning.

I sometimes feel like I'm famous. I got the most wonderful cards, notes, phone calls, words from my "fans"? I love you, too!

Hey, Pat, I finally opened the chocolates!

Today we had seven and a half tables for cribbage. The lunches have been delicious. Thank you to all who share: high hand, Ken Pepper, 24; first, Yogi and Bobbi Jo, 937; second, Betty Jean and Bill, 931; third, Georgina and Betty, 926; low, Margaret and Lorrie Lee, 844; door prizes, Betty Jean, Dorothy Allard and Laura Scott.

Bid euchre, four-and-a-half tables: first, Noreen Parkinson, 201; second, Norma Thomas, 183; third, Hank Reckman, 177; low, Brad P., 47; 50/50, Doris; moons, Hank, Dave J. and Dorothy C.

Well, yes, I did wake up this Friday morning. I

had my doubts in the night. I was so sick to my stomach. After I got home from the euchre, I fell into my Layzee girl chair, and I kind of watched Ellen and Kelly. Started feeling stuffy, then into the nausea and cold chills. When I woke up at four, both doors were opened? Bean bag heated to warm me up. I guess I should make me something to eat. Nothing but warm water in my tummy since a muffin yesterday afternoon. I made boiled raisin muffins and PB cookies in the morning. Had our first meeting of the cemetery committee at 10 am on Thursday morning. This is interesting already. Betty Jean had a bowl of soup here as there was so little time before bid euchre.

If anyone has any books, information at all on burials or history of Fairview Church graveyard, or burials within the township, it would be appreciated.

I saw a cardinal back at the feeder. What a cheery sight.

"Relax, God's taking care of everything."

A lovely little fridge magnet in a lovely card from Linda McNaughton, who came to my door bearing gifts, one being hot fresh homemade soup. Thank you so much. The message inside the card, "a broken crayon still colours!"

Cards, thank you Lorna and Elaine Peck. I noted the obits, Cora Belle Finch, one of the lovely people I have had support from, re: my columns, and her sister Nelda Horn. Sympathy to you and family.

Another lovely surprise today, a call from Mary O'Neil, good to hear her voice and laugh. She sounds like they are active, and she also volunteers at the hospital where her daughter



The family of the late Nora Hall would like to express our sincere thanks for the comforting thoughts, words and actions at the time of Mom's passing. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Manor staff for their continued care and their support to Mom and her family during her final time. The company of her fellow residents and visitors really helped to make Mom's last seven plus years more enjoyable. Mom really enjoyed seeing and visiting with members of her former communities. A sincere thank you to the staff of the Island Funeral Home for the compassion and professionalism shown to our family at this time. A thank you to the Triangle Senior Citizens Club for the luncheon and the use of the Tehkummah Hall, a place which was so special to her and Dad. In Nora's words, "I want everyone to celebrate my life, not be sorry I'm gone, as I've lived a good life with all its ups and downs."

Thank you, Nora's family

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Leslie works.

What was it Heany Penny said? Our world is falling apart? Hey, but it's still growing!

Anastasia's seed exchange at the Tehkummah Hall is February 22.

The Layzee girl chair welcomes me. I'm night-gowned and singing love songs from the Valentine Gala at Knox Church Hall this Saturday evening. This is a wonderful feel-good evening... Starting with a delicious chicken and rib dinner. We all had the strawberry shortcake

plus dessert. The door prize was won by? The draws, Elaine Bond, Skylar Reckahn, Rosemary, Pat Nelder. The music as always simply fabulous. The old love songs. It opened with "Just the Way You Look Tonight," very cute! As always, beautiful harmony, singalongs, a solo "Love Letter in the Sand" got rousing applause! So very special. Thank you all, the wonderful folk who entertained us. Marilyn on piano/director; Sherry drove Skylar, Susan and me in. A few hellos to folk I

hadn't seen for a while.

Norma picked me up for church at South Baymouth Sunday. The wildlife was evident. We saw a couple of deer near Sandercott's and then near South Bay. Two absolutely beautiful timber wolves. Norma thought the big guy was a deer! The lady, too, was lovely. Beautiful coats and tails. She was more compact. Of course, February is mating season. How fortunate to have this sighting.

Martin had a great sermon. Now I'm saying it because he included my

poem "Fading Star." I'm so compliment-based on environment. Some nice hymns, too. We went directly to the Hall; this was their special bingo afternoon.

One never knows from day to day what surprises are in store. A phone call from an old friend made my evening and brought back memories.

When I was talking to Cal on the phone earlier he mentioned Eugene Pyette's 90th birthday party at his apartment put on by his family.

Death Notices

MARIE-HELENE MCKAY (nee Cormier)

November 25, 1923 - January 24, 2020

In loving memory of Marie-Helene McKay, aka The Birdy Grandma, from Cocagne, New Brunswick, born November 25, 1923 who passed away January 24, 2020. Lovingly remembered by family and friends. Wife of Captain Wm. McKay (predeceased 1997) from Falkirk, Scotland; special friend of Hal Spurell (predeceased 2008); mother of Robert McKay of North Bay and Diane Longmuir (nee McKay) of Evansville. Grandma to seven granddaughters: Jennifer, Lisa, Kristin, Kyla, Robin, Christine and Samantha. Great-grandma to Corey Pearson, son of Lisa Pearson (nee Longmuir) and Curtis Pearson of Evansville. Cremation has taken place. Memorial service in July 2020 at Jerritt Funeral Home, 660 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario. Interment at Pine Hills Cemetery, 625 Birchmount Road, Scarborough, Ontario.

PATRICIA GAIL LEESON April 1, 1966 - February 8, 2020



In loving memory of a very special lady, Patricia Gail Leeson who was born on April 1, 1966 in Little Current. Gail passed away suddenly on February 8, 2020 at Health Sciences North at the age of 53 with her family by her side. Daughter of Edna and Glen Leeson (predeceased). Beloved sister of Cheryl (Bill) Batman, Glenda (predeceased) Doug Friesen, Wilberta Leeson, and Perry Leeson (Lynn Tooley). She will be forever missed by her kids: nieces: Kayla (Chad Martin), Sarah Friesen; nephews: Kyle Batman (Leeann Dumanski), Cory (Rhonda) Batman, Brion Friesen, Adam Leeson (Lindsay Auge); great-niece Abby Martin, and great-nephews Andrew Batman, Ashton Batman, Brandon Batman, Bryce Batman, Reed Martin, Kayleb Friesen, and Holden Leeson. Those who knew Gail well will remember her for wearing her beads "not necklaces" everywhere she went. She was a social butterfly in the community and a dancing queen as she loved all music and enjoyed dancing anywhere especially for the residents at the Manor every Thursday afternoon. Gail also loved the glitter and glamour of travelling. The more expensive the trip the better she liked it. She had the opportunity to travel across Canada and the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean countries. Gail was a busy girl, bowling with her Espanola Community Living friends on Mondays, foot appointments on Tuesdays, massages on Wednesdays, volunteering for music hour at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Thursdays, physiotherapy on Fridays, and the dump on Saturdays. Any spare minutes left in a week she would try to convince Sister Bert to take her somewhere else. Gail spent many hours taking pictures with her iPhone and iPad, looking at her Facebook, and writing and sending cards to her kids and friends. Family and friends are invited to gather at Island Funeral Home for a Celebration of her Life on Sunday, February 16, 2020 with visitation starting at 1 pm followed by the celebration service at 3 pm. Burial in the spring. The family would appreciate donations in memory of Gail to go to her favourite dancing spot, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Tree-of-Lights, or a charity of your choice. Gail left this world and pursued her next journey during a beautiful sunset on the horizon followed by the brightest full moon so that she could find her way.

KENNETH (KEN) HODGE

June 16, 1960 - January 7, 2020

In Loving Memory of Kenneth (Ken) Hodge, June 16, 1960 to January 7, 2020, who passed away at the Little Current Hospital at the age of 59. Predeceased by his loving wife Barbara Hodge (nee Lariviere). Ken was a hardworking man and father to Derek Hodge and Dante Abotossaway. He is survived by his brother Carl Hodge and sister Carol Hodge. Ken will be sadly missed by his extended family and friends. The family would like to thank the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Administration and AOKFN community for your support during this difficult time. A memorial will be held in the spring of 2020. Miigwech. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca

GERALD ROGER CORBIERE

September 9, 1959 - February 4, 2020

In Loving Memory of Gerald Roger Corbiere, a resident of M'Chigeeng First Nation. He left peacefully for the Spirit World on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the age of 60 years. Gerald will be missed by wife Lucy. Proud father of Dwayne, Perry, Shane and Courtney. Loving Grampa of Dezerac, Brooklyn, Summer and Ayriana. Dearly loved son of the late Leonard and Irene Corbiere. Loved brother of Frances Starke, Ron (Melvina) Corbiere, George (predeceased) (Elizabeth) Corbiere, Agnes (Steve predeceased) Mack, Darlene (Wally) Korolewich, Henry Corbiere, Gladys (Harvey) Drysdale, Wallace (Menesa) Corbiere, Glen (Kim predeceased) Corbiere, Sandra (Grant) Taibossigai, Eric Corbiere (predeceased), and Barry Corbiere (predeceased). He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Gerald will be especially missed by his beloved dog Sandy. Gerald loved hunting, fishing and mud bogging. He enjoyed buying and selling things in his scrap yard business. Family and friends gathered at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex for visitation Friday, February 7, 2020 from 1 pm. Funeral Service was Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 1 pm. Burial followed in the M'Chigeeng Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or a charity of your choice. Miigwech to everyone who came to support the family. Those who traveled long distances. As well as those who helped with all of the behind the scenes work.

JEFF SWIHART



After a five year battle with lung cancer, Jeff Swihart, 60, of Findlay, USA passed away February 5, 2020 in his home surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife Lynn; daughter Kristin; son Jeremy; stepchildren Garry Bowerman, Tammy Bowerman, Amy (John) Wright. Jeff was the loving grandfather to six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

Mother Nature gets too up close and personal in AOK

by Michael Erskine
AUNDECK OMNI KAN-
ING—Rural life brings
Manitoulin residents into
close association with
nature with a host of won-
derful moments to cherish
for a lifetime, but some-
times that proximity to the
denizens of the forest gets
a bit too close for comfort.

Fran Owl-McGraw and
her husband Darren were
enjoying a quiet Sunday
afternoon at home enjoy-
ing a movie in front of the
tube when Ms. Owl-
McGraw thought she
heard a noise out in the
couple's hallway.

"It was a rustling
sound," she said. "I told
my husband I heard a
noise." In a response that
would be familiar to wives
everywhere her husband
responded "yeah, right."

"But I knew I wasn't
crazy," she said. Vindica-
tion came a few moments
later, when her husband
glanced over toward the
hallway. "All of a sudden
he said 'babe don't move,
there's a weasel!'"

According to rodent
lore, the creature's promi-
nent black-tipped tail actu-
ally identifies the trespass-
ing critter as an ermine (or
stoat, depending on where
you find it).

An instant later, Ms.
Owl-McGraw had leapt to
her feet and dashed to
their bathroom.

"I shut and locked the
door and jumped up on top
of the toilet," she recalled.
"I don't like rodents."

Their white-fur-coated
visitor apparently held
much the same sentiment
towards humans and made
a dash for the basement.
Mr. McGraw was ready to
fulfill the traditional male
role of guardian and pro-
tector, but the ermine was
not in the least willing to
co-operate.

"Weasels are really hard
to catch and Darren really
doesn't like to kill things,"
said Ms. Owl-McGraw.
Weasels, it quickly became
apparent, have a well
earned reputation as
"quick."

So, off to Canadian Tire
it was to search for
weasel/ermine capturing
equipment.

"We spent a fortune on



An ermine caught in a sticky pad struggles for freedom after taking up residence in an AOK family's home.

live traps and sticky pads,
the really big ones," she
said.

This is when the other
characteristic of ermines
became very evident.

"It was very smart," said
Ms. Owl-McGraw. "We put
meat in the trap (ermine
being carnivores), but he
got in and out of the trap,
stole the meat without set-
ting off the trap."

Peanut butter is a tried
and true bait for small fur-
ry critters, so a tissue
smeared with that sub-
stance was next in line.

"The weasel stuck his
arm in the trap from the
side and pulled the peanut
butter over and through
the cage," she said.

The ermine managed to
evade capture for a num-
ber of days, but on
Wednesday evening the
jig was up. "I slept in the
bedroom with the door
closed," said Ms. Owl-
McGraw. "Did I mention I
really don't like rodents?"

Besides, weasels also have
a reputation for being
somewhat aggressive, and
come with a lot of very
gnashy sharp teeth. It didn't
help that the Facebook
crowd was regaling her
with tales of just how
sharp and gnashy those
teeth are. "Zach Corbiere
told me about putting a
pencil through the bars of
a live trap with a weasel
in it, the weasel just
snapped the pencil in half
like nothing."

While they were host-
ing their uninvited guest,

Ms. Owl-McGraw found
herself delaying return-
ing home from work as
long as possible. "You
know I love my work, but I
don't normally stick
around that much after
quitting time," she
laughed.

But all good things, and
some less desirable, do
come to an end.

"We put a bunch of the
sticky pads all around the
live trap," said Ms. Owl-
McGraw.

Up to the moment the
ermine was captured on
one of the pads, she had
never actually seen the
creature, only heard the
rustling of its movement.
"When I saw him in the
traps I was back in the
bathroom and jumped on
the toilet," leaving her

husband to deal with mat-
ter.

Her ordeal finally over,
Ms. Owl-McGraw was left
to wonder how the elderly
deal with such incidents.
Ermines (and their
cousins the weasel), she
learned, can slip through
the smallest of cracks, this
one had apparently
gnawed its way through
the lining of the couple's
chimney—now repaired
and reinforced to be proof
against any potential
return of any members of
the ermine clan.



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Proudly presenting this one of a kind custom built home that offers elegance, comfort, and outstanding outdoor living all nestled on 2 acres of Lake Manitou waterfront on Manitoulin Island. Pride in ownership and attention to detail resonate throughout this 4,000 sq. foot home, and 1,000 sq. foot private guest cottage. Designed for family and entertaining, this home boasts an open concept living area centred around a grand stone wood-burning fireplace, a custom-built kitchen features soft cream lacquered finished cabinetry with glass doors and back-lit shelves, and a well-designed butler's bay. The main floor features 2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite, and an additional bathroom. Downstairs you will discover a designers touch in this fully finished area with in-floor radiant heating, a large family and entertainment area with a custom bar, pool table an additional bedroom, office/crafts room and even work out space. Three sets of french doors throughout the home lead out to the maintenance-free wrap-around deck with stunning views. A huge flagstone waterfront patio with sunken fire pit and outdoor kitchen with stone built-in Napoleon BBQ complemented with a 10-foot wood harvest table is perfect for family evenings. This home is complete with a private detached over-height four-car garage and workshop area with a stunning two-bedroom apartment, perfect for family or guests! No detail was overlooked, this sought-after home has it all!
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LAKEVIEW LEADING THE WAY



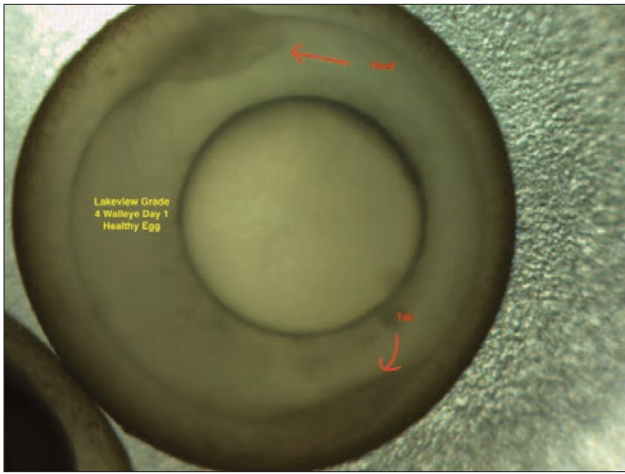
Lakeview School looks out for future generations
by Destiny Migwans

As Lakeview School celebrates the sixth year of its in-school fish hatchery system, we want to bring attention to the importance of this program and its impact.

This past year at Lakeview, there were roughly 10,000 brook trout in the classroom micro-hatchery. Once the eggs hatched over about two months, depending on the temperature of the water, the fish were taken down to the M'Chigeeng Creek. Lakeview has also taken part in hatching walleye eggs, and have stocked about 400,000 to 500,000 walleye since 2015, alongside 20,000-30,000 brook trout that have been released into the creek over the past four years.

Research and data have shown that fish eggs in the wild have a less than two percent chance of hatching and surviving due to predators. In the classroom hatchery, fish eggs have a 99 percent chance of hatching. To put that into perspective, in the wild 2,000 eggs would hatch and possibly survive out of 100,000 eggs, and 99,000 out of 100,000 in a tank, would hatch and be released into the M'Chigeeng Bay.

Fishing on Manitoulin Island has always been a huge part of people's lives.



A day one walleye egg from the first ever batch from the 2014-2015 school year, growing faster than usual due to warmer water temperatures at the time of this photo.

While there is no real evidence of the increase of fish in our lakes and rivers due to the hatchery, locals including students from Lakeview have noticed in their 20+ years of fishing in the M'Chigeeng Bay that just over these past five years there has been an increase in walleye numbers in annual harvests. This supports the idea that Lakeview School's micro-hatchery system has been successful.

The reasoning behind this program includes its educational benefits and the environmental impacts of the program. The idea was introduced by Rolly Frappier of Micro Hatcheries Inc., former Lakeview School principal Neil Debassige, and current

Grade 7/8 teacher Travis Corbiere, along with the Grade 4 class of 2014/2015. The importance of the program lies in the learning opportunities for the students of Lakeview and the value for the community of M'Chigeeng in increasing the local fish populations for generations to come.

The ultimate goal is to keep the cycle of what we have now for the future generations of families. Not only in M'Chigeeng, but all over the Island and the Great Lakes. It is only fair to give back to our planet for what we have taken.

"We need to think seven generations after us; what do we hope for those children?" said Lakeview School Grade 7/8 teacher Travis Corbiere.



MELDRUM BAY cottage plus camp on Hill Street a very short walk to the marina. Cottage 875 sq. ft. & camp 750 sq. ft. each w/hydro, drilled wells & steel roofs. Cottage is served by septic system. With some work, several possibilities \$89,500 (1462)



LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE on level lot w/60 ft. Rockville Road waterfrontage, sandy beach, good dock & sand bottom swimming. Bungalow 754 sq. ft. w/deck across water side has 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area w/propane stove fireplace. Recent upgrades of windows, doors, siding, shingles, fascia, soffits. Most contents including newer washer, refrigerator, stove. \$149,000 (1431)



BC LODGE POLE PINE CABIN w/loft & deck, in the hardwoods, on Lake Kagawong. Seasonal, off grid, open concept, of 300 sq. ft., w/pine interior & reclaimed plank flooring. Served by wind turbine powered composting toilet & outdoor amenities of deck, dock, firepit. Accessible shoreline & westerly sunset view. Very private, mature hardwood forest. 2.45 ac. & 347 ft. lake frontage. Some contents. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$172,000 (1478)



SILVER WATER HOME on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. MBR on first floor. Some contents. \$59,000 (1077)

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ALLAN TOWNSHIP 200 ACRES between Kagawong & Gore Bay via Scotland Road. Forested acreage in Manitoulin deer country w/large marsh in north east sector. Boundaries marked & trails across to various hunting locations. \$149,500 (1269)

ICE LAKE 14.33 ACRES just south of The Narrows w/easterly exposure. Large lot w/184 ft. frontage accessed via Ice Lake Drive w/hydro available. Secondary easy access to rear of parcel. \$39,000 (1076)

LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT of 150 ft. w/easterly exposure. Hardwood covered 1.2 ac. w/hydro, telephone & year round access via Monument Road at back of lot. \$99,000 (1190)

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LAKE KAGAWONG 4.1 ac. of mostly hardwoods w/291 ft. westerly facing frontage. Remote, off the grid forest w/seasonal access via Mud Creek Road w/elevated sunset view the full length of the lake. Four terraces to water. \$79,000 (1408)

GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development. Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$42,000 (1453)

COOKS BAY WATERFRONT w/980.46 ft. of frontage & 5.87 ac. of tree covered terraced land. Direct access to the dock and boat ramp. Excellent seasonal access. No other services. \$99,000 (1479)

ICE LAKE 13.21 ACRES w/192 ft. of shoreline w/road kept open year round. Long rectangular acreage & easterly exposure to the water. \$39,000 (1475)



LOON LAKE ACREAGE w/789 ft. on Hwy540 & 391 ft. on water. Open 23 ac. of tillable land w/access down east boundary via Loon Lake Road to private driveway, partly developed building site, 2 newer well built sheds & privy w/finished interior. Ready for a south facing home or cottage w/sun all day. \$97,000 (1485)



SILVER LAKE COTTAGE w/no road in front of 181.5 by 412.5 ft. lot of 1.72 ac. Level w/limestone outcrop shoreline & sand beach w/year round access, hydro, lake water & raised bed septic. Round log cottage 612 sq. ft. w/kitchen, 3 pc. bath, open dining living sleeping space in front of stone fireplace. Square log self-contained bunkie 16x20 w/one bedroom, loft, kitchenette dining living area. Detached garage 16x24 & some contents. Excellent location for Manitoulin summer sunsets. \$198,000 (1486)

GORE BAY RURAL 3 acres w/hydro, municipal water, sewer & year round access via Smith & Fraser Streets w/panoramic view in all directions. Mostly cleared arable land, on west side of Town, for mini farm, market garden & other rural uses. Two separate lots to accommodate two residences for the larger family. \$43,500 plus tax (1420)

LAKE HURON lot 150 ft. w/access via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Trail. Off grid 3.6 ac. of forest w/flat limestone waterfrontage. Zoned Shoreline Residential. Great getaway. \$45,000 (1418)

BURPEE 25 ACRES of forest 1.4 km east of Misery Bay Park Road. w/good access over ATV & walking trail. Great escape. \$17,900 (1461)

LAKE HURON WATERFRONT 100 by 420 ft. w/access driveway in place. Includes a small A-frame sleep camp & a licensed travel trailer. Accessed via Little Lake Huron & Pebble Roads. \$55,000 (1484)

GORE BAY HALL STREET serviced building lot 66 by 164 ft. facing the bay. Level site for a near downtown home. \$25,000 (1483)

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ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away and this pristine lake is legendary for its great walleye, bass, perch & whitefish. Only \$195,000!!! MLS#2074433



EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge sidewalks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 x 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double size garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#2074309



FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little bed & breakfast. Lake Manitou is a stone's throw away & this location is quite central & very much needed as the competition is mainly 20 mins or more away in every direction. There is a resort trailer park directly behind this great commercial business & its huge untapped potential. Reduced to \$300,000 MLS#2062704



SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!! - This cottage/house has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 29ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key with all furnishings and appliances. The Bay is great fishing for all fresh water species and amenities such as shopping, medical center and golfing are less than 30 minutes away. Asking \$299,000!!! MLS#2077447



CHALET ON 100 ACRES accessed from Union Road w/most of the off grid conveniences. Balcony & large deck, 2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat in kitchen, living room, wood fired sauna, drilled well & more. Lots of trails, tree stands, hydro a few poles away, generator wired, furnished including propane appliances. \$209,000 (1456)



DAWSON TOWNSHIP bush camp on pretty one acre w/direct access from Hwy540. Well built & finished portable schoolroom all wired, ready to be connected to hydro already on site. Extras include a buffer from the road & a couple of rustic cabins. \$49,000 (1463)



BLACKSMITH CENTRE on corner of Main & Meredith Streets w/4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors. Concrete building 36x60 ft. on fully serviced 39x127.6 ft. lot zoned core commercial. First floor garage plus business space & second level 4 & 1 bedroom apartments. \$119,000 plus HST (1432)



AFFORDABLE COTTAGE, on Ice Lake, near Gore Bay in private setting of beautiful old growth maples. 200 ft. frontage, 2.67 ac. w/hydro & year round access by the residents. Bungalow w/bedroom, living room, kitchen & 3 pc. bath plus spacious deck, Scandinavian bunkie, large privy & shed. Gently sloping landscaped lot to waters edge. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$119,500 (1460)



LITTLE LAKE HURON COTTAGE within walking access to big water. Furnished 1.5 storey 1245 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open kitchen dining living w/cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace & insert. Insulated, double pane windows, metal roof, propane appliances, water heater & septic. \$89,500 (1473)



SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR & BODY SHOP BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN GORE BAY!! - Known as Jewell's Collision, the large 7200 sq ft building is newly renovated & maintenance free. The building is currently housing an auto repair shop in the back half of the building & an auto body shop in the front half. The business has grown every year for the 19 years it has existed & continues to grow with plenty of opportunity to expand & grow especially with spin-off type business such as used car sales/rentals, small motor repairs, car detailing & the list goes on and on. The seller is willing to undergo an environmental audit & had a clean bill of health on one that was done when the seller took over the building. The building could be converted into other uses as well, also rent to own may be a possibility. Asking just \$489,000. MLS#2080433



25 ACRE PROPERTY WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & 2 BDRM COTTAGE!! - Located on Union Road only 30 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya & only 15 mins from the Town of Gore Bay. The cottage comes with most contents included & is also adorned with a brand new roof, a drilled well & new water pump, hydro with a 100 amp breaker system, a storage shed, a wood-fired sauna & a new Bunkie. This lovely property has over 300 ft of road frontage, a kilometer of nicely maintained ATV trails & over 2 kilometers of walking trails & of course traversed by plenty of deer. Asking \$119,000!! MLS#2079009



LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!! - Settled in the Majestic Mountain Range of white quartz of Willisville where they filmed the series Rainbow Country, these spectacular mountains and waterways were made famous in paintings by the group of seven. This resort known as Bearsden Lodge and Outfitters comes turn-key with 9 rustic two and three bedroom log cabins as well as an owners' residence and another cabin they allow friends and workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels and each have their own bathrooms and appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Charlton Lake is really one of many lakes accessible in the area and is renowned for its great walleye and bass fishing. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



SOUTH BAY MOUTH - For Sale Huron Motor Lodge - turn-key operation. Family owned business since 1932. Located directly across from Ohi Cheeseman ferry dock. 21 rooms, large in-ground pool, coffee shop, plus specialty gift shop. Also included in sale is a home for new owner's residence. All buildings are well maintained, great financial statements. Best location on Manitoulin Island for accommodation, gift and coffee shop. Asking \$1,400,000. Call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2075494



LOG CABIN ON LAKE MANITOU! - On secluded exceptional lot with 197 ft frontage on lake & approx. 1 acre land, mature cedar trees. Great view of Cup and Saucer, gentle slope to water. Clean shoreline. Recent approval for septic and fieldbed. Renovated log cabin, plus older log barn for storage. Private maintained year round road. Listed at \$249,000. Call Al Frank Sales Person @ 705-859-3297 for more info. MLS#2081904



SOUTH BAYMOUTH - Beautiful 2300 sqft home plus chalet & separate 30x40 heated building on almost 10 acres of land for sale. 1 km to Marina for access to Lake Huron for boating & salmon fishing (or other fish). Great potential for B&B or other business. Home has large sunroom with hot tub facing backyard with small pond, trees & gazebo. All buildings are in excellent condition & shows owner's pride. Very reasonably priced at \$374,000. Please call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#2074279



ONLY \$3000 DOWN - Owner Willing to Hold a Mortgage - Nice level fully serviced building lot in Little Current. Priced to sell at \$19,900. MLS#2080615



READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - Lot has a new 60 ft driveway & the \$5200 water levy has been paid in full. Lot backs onto a park area & is only steps to the water. View the beauty of this lot now. Asking \$23,900. MLS#2066908

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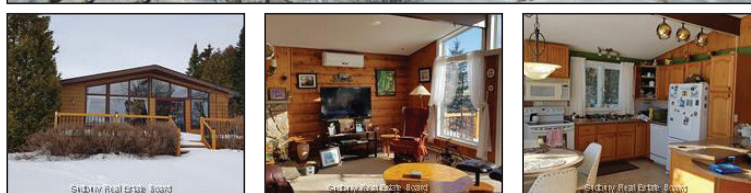
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WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME
Very well laid out, architecturally designed home with spacious room sizes, large deck, attached garage, gas fireplace and several outbuildings. Features exceptional location and views, close proximity to schools & shopping plus a great area for swimming and fishing opportunities. Also features 2.5 baths, a lovely landscaped property and great year-round location. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084076



MILLS ROAD ACREAGE - 200 acre site with mature forest and heavy tree cover. Good road access, excellent location and a great spot to get away from it all. Great price at only \$119,900. Please call for full details. MLS#2084127
TEHKUMMAH AGRICULTURAL ACREAGE - Spectacular 104 acre agricultural site located in one of Manitoulin Islands best agricultural areas includes year round access and Black Creek frontage. Excellent combination of mixed lands with majority being crop lands but also including mature hardwood forest, some escarpment ridge, hydro available at road and very well fenced in lands. Ideal location for residential, recreational and/or farming uses! Call for details! MLS#2084126
RURAL LIVING ON 99 ACRES - Beaver Road acreage site features 2 bdrm home plus detached garage on a private acreage site in prime deer area of Manitoulin. Upgraded insulation & modern wood burning stove help to keep cost of ownership to a minimum. Very private, heavily treed site with excellent trail system & a perfect location to get away from it all. Attractively priced! MLS#2084061

14 ACRE BUSH LOT ON PERIVALE ROAD!! - This magnificent lot has over 1100 ft of frontage on the year round road, centrally located only 20 mins from either Gore Bay or Mindemoya which offer amenities like golf courses, hospital, shopping, swim beaches, boat launches & restaurants. The lot is fully treed mainly in mature maples & oaks. The property elevates to a plateau which can provide astonishing views over Lake Kagawong. Deer & small game are abundant on this property. Asking \$50,000. MLS#2079269
EXCEPTIONAL ACREAGE SITE - with great lake views. Includes mix of tillable farm lands and rural acreage located within 2 km of Little Current. Year round accessible with 400 meters highway frontage, approx. 700 meters on White's Point Road. North-South ridge runs through the acreage with fine lake and mountain views. Ideal building location! Only \$99,900. MLS#2083992
INCREDIBLE VISTA - One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 315.55 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#2077531

LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approximately 133 Acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Melktrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck & the beautiful shoreline has many great building sites. There are ATV trails on the property with lots of mature trees as well as many deer & small game. The lake itself has great fishing for most fresh water species, especially salmon, rainbow, lake trout, & musky. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083525
WHITE'S POINT! - Waterfront building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Little Current & all of its amenities. Driveway access started at roadway - telephone & hydro service available. White's Point Road is on a year round road, & on the school bus route. Lake Huron's Strawberry Channel, & the North Channel boast great fishing, boating & sailing. Wonderful location to build your dream home! Asking \$88,000. Call Now! MLS#2074129



HUNTING ACREAGE IN SPRING BAY AREA - 100 acres. Prime land in Central Manitoulin with seasonal road access off extended Evergreen Drive in Campbell Township, and about 25 minutes from Gore Bay. Listed at \$79,000. Call now and be ready for fall. MLS#2062725



FAMILY HOME IN THE COUNTRY! - This peaceful close knit neighbourhood has it all, greenspace, water, families, and friends. Solidly built brick traditional family style side split, three spacious bedrooms upstairs, plus an additional bedroom in the bright basement makes for plenty of growing space. Many upgrades include bathrooms, and updated living areas. Double garage, large yard with fencing for your favourite family pet. Take a short walk down a trail to the public beach. Enjoy the best Manitoulin has to offer, Clover Valley! Call to view! Asking \$214,999. MLS#2083400



BEAUTIFUL 17.9 ACRE WATERFRONT LOT ON LAKE KAGAWONG!! - Located along Perivale Road this lot has 357 ft of frontage on a year round road with 385 ft of water frontage with a nice lane way to the front of the lot. This property is only 20 mins from the amenities of the Town of Mindemoya which includes restaurants, golf course, shopping & hospital and is also only 20 mins from the amenities of Gore Bay. The waterfront is not steep enough to require stairs & the limestone shoreline gets deep enough to dive in at the end of a dock. The 17 acres has mature cedars along the shore & mature hardwoods (mostly oak & maple) scattered throughout the lot with nice meadows as well which support plenty of deer & game birds. The fish in Lake Kagawong include walleye, pike, jumbo perch & it is a world class small mouth fishing lake with many of them over 5lbs. Asking \$165,000. MLS#2079274



WONDERFUL RURAL PERIVALE ROAD EAST FLAT DOUBLE LOT IN SPRING BAY AVAILABLE TO BUILD YOUR QUIET COUNTRY RETREAT! - Year round road, plus hydro & telephone is available at the road. Located only 10 mins from the amenities of the town of Mindemoya including hospital, golf course & the island's largest grocery store. Don't overlook this charming building site. Please call for full details! Reduced to \$18,500. MLS#2071348



AFFORDABLE LAKE FRONT LIVING - 4 season brick home, nestled amongst mature trees on almost two acres. Offering 5 bdrms, & 2 full baths, this home has all the room you'll need. Vaulted ceilings with skylights & plenty of windows throughout bathes the home in natural light. Large kitchen features plenty of cabinets, with peninsula for casual breakfasts. Living room & family room boast unparalleled lake views. Go kayaking right off your own private dock. Great fishing, including bass & pike. Call for a viewing today. MLS#2083920



BUILDING LOT - Level building lot in Little Current. Great location on quiet street. 35.66 x 150. Asking \$13,000. MLS#2079127



LOWER SLASH - A wonderful 3.06 acre building and/or recreational lot that is close to the water in South Baymouth. This well treed lot with a small cleared section is on the Lower Slash Road, and also has access via Indian Point Road. This lot is only 20 minutes to the golf courses and grocery store in Manitowaning. Call Now! Asking \$24,900. MLS#2083576



HIDDEN GEM ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - This Lakeshore Log Home has almost 2 acres of total privacy, & 620 ft of frontage on Lake Huron!! Spend Romantic evenings curled up in front of the huge stone fireplace. Sand beach perfect for swimming. You also have your own harbour for your boat or canoe! There is a 1200 sq ft Guest house with 2 bdrms, full kitchen, bathroom & large screened in porch. There is also a 1300 sq ft workshop, and a large carport for storing lots of toys. Stunning panoramic views, including view of Scotch Mtn. The possibilities are endless with this unique property. Don't wait...Your Island retreat is calling you!! MLS#2083416



YEAR ROUND VICEROY WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - Built in 1994, this R2000 home features an open concept main floor with numerous windows allowing for an abundance of natural light, and a wonderful view of the lake. Home has a large deck along two sides, as well as access from the Master Bedroom. In addition, the home has a partially finished basement that provides the extra space needed when family and friends visit, an insulated 24 x 28 detached garage, a concrete dock, and a boat launch at the waterfront. Lake Manitou offers great fishing all year round. Call Now! Asking \$349,000. MLS#2075885



MINDEMUYA HOME - 3 bdrm home in downtown Mindemoya on a beautiful double lot. This home has the one bedroom on the main floor and 2 on the second floor. There is a beautiful back yard with flower and vegetable gardens and a spacious gazebo to protect your outdoor furniture and BBQ. From here you can walk to almost everything in town including the grocery store so you could live here without a vehicle. Great place for a young family. Asking \$179,000. MLS#2084205



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Located on Maple Lane close to the Town of Mindemoya and featuring mature hardwood forest on one of the finest lots in the area. Spacious 2 bdrm dwelling with relatively low maintenance, detached garage, sauna & small harbor area make this a perfect spot on the lake. Exceptional landscaping & mainly level lot for enjoying fine Manitoulin summer days. Please call for complete details. MLS#2084161



COUNTRY CHARMER! - This 4 bedroom home with lots of unique touches, has plenty of room for the growing family or even a B&B! Detached double garage provides lots of storage. Beautiful fenced yard. Roof 2018; Furnace 2017. Priced to sell quickly at \$133,900. MLS#2083519



WATERFRONT DREAM HOME - This is one of Manitoulin's finest homes, 12 room, 4850 sq ft, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 ft ceilings. Double attached garage, central air & vacuum and Spacious Trex sun-decks. Pristine river & ravine run through property into lake near dwelling. Detached garage built in 2003. 3 bays with 8 ft doors plus 1 drive-through with 10 ft doors. Only 4 km from Manitoulin East Airport. Call for Details. MLS#2075507



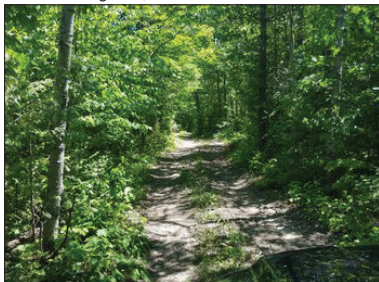
LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road close to amenities in Mindemoya or ferry access at South Baymouth. Over 35 acres & 610 ft frontage on Lake Manitou for excellent privacy! Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083312



EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 62 acres with 1,931 ft frontage on Manitowaning Bay at High Falls. This exceptional property features include mature hardwood forest, great beach area, hydro, access road to site & a tremendous setting for waterfront development. Only \$390,000. MLS#2075497



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest includes mature hardwood, pine & cedar. Great access, close to amenities in Mindemoya, close to the ferry access at South Baymouth & ideal for privacy & quality construction with over 33 acres & 627 ft shoreline on Lake Manitou. Asking \$249,000. MLS#2083315



HARDWOOD ACREAGE - Very well treed 100 acre property with open concession road access, attractive hardwood forest that includes some mixed forest areas with White Pine, mainly level but includes some escarpment outcroppings at one corner plus excellent access along two sides of the property. Very attractive location off New England Side Road in Assignack Township. Only \$99,000. MLS#2083900



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine. Great access off East Road in the Sandfield area with 34.03 acres & 669.09 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. Includes on site, personal use limestone quarry. Asking \$249,900. MLS#2084165



VISTA WITH A WOW!! - Reminiscent of a fjord in Norway or the rugged British Columbia coast line, this property sits 450 ft above the town of Gore Bay; overlooking the town & harbour from the top of the East Bluff at the mouth of the bay & facing directly west for beautiful Caribbean style sunsets & the famous La Cloche Mountains in the distance across Lake Huron's North Channel. This one acre property is located on a site that has one of Ontario's prettiest cliff views. This nicely manicured acre of property comes with a magnificent 4 bdrm executive-style manufactured log home accented with a centerpiece stone fireplace, granite counter tops with matching table, in-floor heating, highest of quality built-in appliances, great flooring & a 5 piece ensuite with a Jacuzzi and a large steam/bath/shower. The double garage which is fed with 200 amps of hydro & comes with an attached ATV garage & an exercise room with a bathroom & sauna & the floors in this building are also heated. This property has a layout which would be very conducive to a high-end bed & breakfast. A steal of a deal at \$799,000! MLS#2077446

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...continued from page 19 for the ultimate act of love. Denise said yes.

Just months after the proposal, in 2013, while the couple's relationship was growing stronger and stronger, Denise suffered a fall and a major head injury—one that continues to haunt her to this day. Denise has suffered from serious headaches ever since the accident.

"People would ask me, 'how are you feeling?'" Denise recalls. "I would say 'I go to bed with a headache and I wake up with a headache.' 'Don't talk about Robbie that way!' was the usual response," she laughs.

"Laughter is so important in a relationship," Robbie adds, noting that he made sure people knew that she had said 'yes' before the head injury, the couple laughs.

Robbie and Denise were married in July of 2014, a backyard service at their Holiday Haven Road home, near Manitowaning, with over 180 people present.

"It was pretty elaborate for a second wedding for the both of us," Denise admits, "but we made it all about us and had our friends and family here."

Following the ceremony, the heavens opened and it poured, but the couple believes it was a good sign,

as wedding superstitions go.

"We got really lucky," Robbie says.

Of course, Robbie sang at the wedding, and with Karaoke Konnie as the DJ, he had many chances to show off his singing talents that night.

Robbie says one of the keys to a successful marriage is making time for one another and the parents (Robbie has four boys from a previous relationship and Denise has a daughter and a son) have frequent date nights that usually involve eating out at local restaurants. "You've got to make time for each other," he says.

"When you're in a relationship, you rub off on one another—doing things you might not normally do," Robbie adds.

"I never thought I'd see myself on a motorcycle!" Denise exclaims. "I'm terrified of ice too, but I went in the old Wiky ice fishing derby one year because Robbie encouraged me too."

Chivalry is important to Robbie and he enjoys opening doors or seating his wife by helping her with her chair when dining out.

He also claims to be the king of one-liners. "I don't think we've ever had a day without one," Denise rolls her eyes with a smile.

As a paramedic (Denise)



Denise and Robbie share a loving look in the leadup to Valentine's Day.

and a child welfare worker for Kina Gbezhgomi (Robbie), the couple both hold high stress jobs.

"She kind of knows a bit of what I go through, and me with her," Robbie says.

"That's all you can do is support one another," Denise adds. "I know that when he walks in, if he's not his usual bubbly self, it's been a bad day."

Denise says that communication is key and this also means talking even when you don't want to, listening

and maybe most importantly, hearing.

"And laughing together," Robbie says of tips to a successful relationship.

"Humour, but most importantly respect, trust and making time for each other. Even though we are here and living together, we still need alone time out of the house too, and knowing that you need time apart too."

Denise says they always say good morning and always say goodnight and never leave the house with-

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

out a hug, kiss and an 'I love you.'

The couple says that volunteer work is an important part of their lives. Robbie is studying to become a deacon so that he might continue to serve his Holy Cross Church family in Wiikwemkoong while Denise is a member of Knox United Church in Manitowaning. The two also work with Special Olympics Manitoulin, Bluegrass in the Country and so much more.

"Martin Garniss (Knox Church's minister) married us, and I'll be forever grateful for that so I help out whenever I can," Robbie says. "We support both of the churches as much as we can, as often as we can." The couple said they were looking forward to attending the Knox United Church Valentine dinner hosted on Saturday night, in fact.

"I think we're a perfect fit," Denise says. "We complement each other. We just take every day, love every day, the way it is. Most people are so focused on the future they forget about what's right in front of them."

Robbie advises husbands and boyfriends to keep things fresh and interesting, like writing poetry.

When this time of year rolls around and The Expositor's annual poetry contest is announced, Robbie says he will sit down with a blank piece of paper "and it just comes out. Maybe it's because I'm a musician, but not all musicians are songwriters, and not all songwriters are musicians, so I don't really know."

The poem is then kept a secret until Denise reads it in the newspaper.

"I come to expect it now," she admits.

To read Robbie's latest poem to Denise and other heartfelt poetry, see page 20.



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99 ACRE - Excellent recreation opportunity, 99 undeveloped acres fronting on year round Learmont Road. Coniferous trees and limestone. Attractively priced at \$85,000. MLS#2081914



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SILVER WATER ACREAGE - 100 acres of recreational property near Silver Water. Fronts on a fully maintained township road. Short distance to Cook's Dock which has a public boat ramp. Mostly treed with an entrance in place. Great price of \$80,000. MLS#2083407

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BASS LAKE - Beautiful setting on Manitoulin Island this 106 acres of mixed bush & tillable land with frontage on Bass Lake currently being used as pasture for cattle. The 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home is in excellent condition & shows pride of ownership with 2 wood stoves & forced air oil heat. Water from dug well on the property with gravity feed to the home. \$399,000. MLS# 2077610



300 ACRES - 300 acres on the west end of Manitoulin Island in a desirable recreational area. Level land that is mainly treed. There is legal access off Burnt Island Road over an unmaintained road on a road allowance. \$190,000. MLS#2083406



HOME ON 25 ACRES - Cozy 3 bedroom home on 25 acres of property approx 5 minutes West of Gore Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, storage shed and workshop. Metal Roof installed in 2017. The property is located on the Southeast corner of Highway 540 and Seventh Line in Gordon Township. \$119,900. MLS#2083599



STUNNING SUNSITE ESTATES PROPERTY - 5 bedroom, 4 bath property boasts a 64x25 garage on waterfront lot with beach. Open concept kitchen & large deck. The built in pizza oven was professionally installed by local stone mason. Shed with concrete floor and secondary outbuilding is winterized and offers 2 bedroom & full bath that is tastefully finished. \$525,000. MLS#2080417



GORE BAY HARBOUR FRONT - Executive Tudor style home located on the Bay. This 2980 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 3 fireplaces with sunken dining room, and sweeping staircase from the foyer. Cedar shake roof with brick and stucco surrounding the home. Large 3 car garage allows access to the basement that is designed as a wood working shop with built in dust collection. \$489,000. MLS#2075512



MINDEMOYA - 4 season home or cottage (2 bdrm) in a nicely treed and private setting. This property is close to many amenities. 500m from a public swimming beach/boat ramp on Lake Mindemoya, under 1.5km to a 9 hole public golf course, and under 3.5km from downtown Mindemoya. \$140,000. MLS#2084009



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